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Councils back plans for two unitary authorities

FIVE out of the six Dorset councils who have voted on the plan for two new unitary authorities

ties to control the county have given the proposal their backing.

West Dorset District Council, Dorset County Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council all voted for change, along with Poole Borough Council and North Dorset District Council.

However, East Dorset District Council voted against the proposals; Christchurch Borough Council, Bournemouth Borough Council and Purbeck District Council were due to decide last night.

Cllr Spencer Flower, leader of East Dorset District Council, said: "Members voted against the recommendations to support the case for change for local government in Dorset."

"Changes to the structure of local government in Dorset would present a historic opportunity to transform our services at a time when budgets are being cut and our priority must be protecting frontline services."

A submission will now be made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government requesting that Dorset's nine councils should be replaced by two new unitary authorities.

Cllr Robert Gould, leader of Dorset County Council, said: "This is absolutely the right decision for Dorset County Council to have made."

"The final decision lies with the secretary of state, but Dorset county councillors have made an historic decision which will help protect the frontline services and is in the best interests of all our residents."

Based upon the weight of public opinion, financial data and evidence of the likely benefits of change to the county as a whole, councillors agreed that the two new unitary councils should comprise Unitary A: Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, and Unitary B: East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland.

Cllr Anthony Alford, leader of West Dorset District Council, said: "This is the way we need to move forward."

"We have taken into account the public consultation results, the financial evidence and the case for change and we believe we have made the right decision for West Dorset."

"The open consultation included views from residents and business amongst others and they all agreed that there is a case to change the structure of local government from nine councils to two."

"This is the biggest change that local government in

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Dorset has experienced and we believe that the creation of two new unitary authorities will save money and protect vital services as well as open doors to opportunities we may otherwise not have been able to achieve just as one district."

Councils are requesting the change is approved by parliament during 2017/18 and after that implementation executives would be appointed to determine the structure, budget and service delivery models of each new council.

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ANTHEA Simmons recently took up the role of course director at Moorbath Creative in Symondsbury, which offers residential art, craft and writing courses at the Moorbath Farmhouse holiday let.

Originally from Cornwall, Anthea attended Oxford before working in asset management. She bought her first Dorset house in Sherborne but, after son Henry got into Colyton Grammar School, she moved across the border to Colyford, in East Devon, so he was closer to school.

Having retired from her career in asset management in 2001, she started writing, teaching and painting, and has had three books published.

● TELL us a little about your career history...

I read English at Oxford and, much to the bewilderment of my parents and tutors, went into the City. I was one of the first women to work as a stockjobber – traders on the floor of the Stock Exchange. As one of two girls, I was spoiled rotten and taught to drink, swear and be one of the boys. This toughened me up for my rapid progress through the ranks in asset management.

My last job was as head of UK Institutional (pension fund) business at Gartmore. I was paid a lot but the price was never seeing Henry awake during the week and a feeling that I had to pay other people to do the things I really enjoyed, like looking after my son and riding my horse. Crazy! I was so glad to be able to quit when golden handcuffs came off after Gartmore was taken over.

I started writing, teaching and painting. I've got three books out with Andersen Press (part of Random House).

● HOW did you come to be course director at Moorbath Creative?

I met Connie Found, the owner of Moorbath Farmhouse, through horses way back. She contacted me out of the blue in October wanting to pick my brains about how she might use her lovely holiday rental in the periods when it was not let. I immediately saw its potential as a location for first-rate courses and a fabulous holiday experience for people wanting to escape the daily grind and get in touch with their creative side. Connie and her husband Ed have given me a free rein to get on with building the vision. Actually, Ed has been building it quite literally, converting barns to studios, etc!

● WHAT kind of courses does Moorbath Creative offer?

The range will develop as we get established but 2017



already offers a rich variety of goodies: writing and illustrating books for children; upholstery for beginners; stained glass; abstract, landscape and still life painting; discovering colour; taking an idea for a novel through from concept to publication. And great tutors – really inspirational people who will give participants so much confidence and fire up their creativity.

● CAN anyone take part, or do you have to have experience?

Courses are genuinely open to anyone unless specifically set up for beginners, like the upholstery and stained glass courses. We all benefit from continuous

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learning and the stimulation that comes from being with others in a creative environment. These few days away can be life-changing!

● HAVE the courses been well-received so far?

We ran a pilot – Realism to Abstraction – with celebrated Lyme Regis artist Christine Allison. It was a huge success. The attendees were so happy, so inspired, they loved the atmosphere, the place itself, the camaraderie and the sense of freedom. Having a licence to concentrate entirely on making work and exploring what you are capable of, what you are drawn to, what energises you as an artist is a real blessing. I suspect that escaping to the country and a beautiful studio has never been more attractive than in these difficult times.

● DO you have any courses coming up in the next few weeks?

Yes, a reprise of Christine's wonderful course runs from March 6th to 10th, and then, Mar 20th to 24th we are very lucky to have David Chandler from Frome coming to challenge artists to re-imagine the landscape. Lucy Daniel Raby kicks off our May courses with 'Brainwave to Brainchild' – helping take an idea for a book through to completion. Take a look at the website www.moorbathcreative.com for more details as there are some super courses in May/June and October.

● WHAT do you enjoy about your job at Moorbath Creative?

Great people, masses of creative energy, a sense of pride and satisfaction when someone's hidden talent is uncovered and encouraged to soar.

● WHAT are your personal interests?

Well, books and art, naturally. I'm a film fanatic, too. I'm sad that my age and circumstances mean I don't ride anymore but I'm trying to swim as much as possible so that I keep fit. I love swimming in the sea but I'm a bit of a wuss in very cold water! There's a lap pool at Moorbath, so I'll be powering up and down that!

● WHAT do you like about the local area?

The people. There are so many creatives round here and so many interesting people who have made a lifestyle choice and who put the environment, the arts and nature high on their agenda as a consequence. And who could fail to be blown away by the beauty of the landscape? We are so lucky to live here. I know everyone says that, but it's true.

Moorbath Creative will be holding a 'Meet the Team' event for all those interested in finding out more on February 18th, 11am to 1pm. Visit the website www.moorbathcreative.com for details.

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Council asked to support fresh skatepark plans

LOCAL young people and supporters of Bridport's skatepark and former Trick Factory have called on the council for their support in plans to incorporate an indoor facility with a redeveloped skatepark.

The Trick Factory, which was based at St Michael's Trading Estate, closed last year and plans to rehome the indoor skate facility are currently ongoing.

Bridport Town Councillors heard from members of the newly-formed skatepark steering group at their meeting last week, where they announced ideas for a new indoor facility.

Joe Hewetson, who works with the Community Youth Project, which supports local projects and groups, said: "We see it as an absolute necessity to have a provision like the Trick Factory, an indoor skating facility in Bridport.

"The social implications and repercussions of not having that space I think will be quite noticeable.

"In terms of sporting and leisure, it was an incredibly important space where many young people actually developed incredible talents.

"Over the past few months we have been working with the working group, who hope to include the outdoor space, and the general consensus is that it needs to be revamped."

Morgan Scadding, the youth representative for the skatepark steering group, said: "The proposal is to be operating an indoor facility near

where the skatepark is now.

"This location has the advantage of accessibility, it is central and near the bus station, safe as close to the police station and because it is owned by the town (council) there will be none of the un-expectancies caused by private ownership of property where the Trick Factory was located.

"We have also considered including a café which could have the added benefit of having a place for parents to watch, as well as serving the bus station and potentially creating jobs."

Town councillors agreed it was an important project and offered their support.

Councillor Maggie Ray said: "I really hope the town council puts its strength behind this project, they have developed a really strong steering group here and it is a great opportunity for us.

"We know that we need improvements in the skatepark as it is and I really hope councillors will get behind this project and support it."

Councillor Barry Irvine also offered his personal support to plans for an indoor skate facility.

He said: "I would like to give my personal backing to it, I have lived next door to Rob, who for 17 years has run the Trick Factory and I have seen the commitment he has given to that.

"Putting the Trick Factory and the skatepark together is certainly the best way forward and I would certainly give my backing."

Police charge 54 in Christmas drink driving crackdown

A TOTAL of 54 people have been charged with drink or drug driving offences during Dorset Police's annual Christmas drink and drug drive campaign.

Officers carried out 554 breath tests during the Christmas campaign, which ran between Thursday, December 1st and Sunday, January 1st, compared with 869 during the same period the previous year.

Motorists were tested during routine stop checks and breath tests were requested for all drivers involved in road traffic collisions, irrespective of whether or not a drink driving offence was suspected.

Field Impairment Tests (FIT) were also conducted on drivers suspected of being unfit to drive through drugs.

In total, Dorset Police recorded 78 arrests during the campaign – 13 of which were for driving under the influence of drugs and four for refusing to provide a sample. During the same period the previous year, 105 people were arrested.

During the campaign, Dorset Police encouraged those out enjoying a drink during the festive period to plan how to get home without driving.

Motorists were reminded of the potential

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consequences of driving while under the influence and the continuing effects that alcohol and drugs can have the morning after.

In all, 54 people have so far been charged with a drink or drug driving related offence as a result of the campaign, compared to 44 during the 2015 campaign. Of those charged, 44 were men and 10 were women.

Officers would like to thank members of the public who supported the campaign by submitting their own messages to drink and drug drivers, which were shared on social media throughout the campaign.

Inspector Matt Butler of the traffic unit said: "Those charged throughout the campaign were not necessarily your 'usual' suspects. Too many people, who are otherwise law-abiding citizens, fail to consider the untold devastation that drink and drug driving can cause.

"I have been the person knocking on the door to inform relatives that their loved one has been killed as a result of a motorist who thinks it is okay to get behind the wheel

while under the influence.

"This is something that I do not want to do during the festive period, or any other time of year.

"As in previous years, I would like to thank those members of the public who called us to report a drink driver.

"Our enforcement will of course continue all year round and intelligence from the public is invaluable in keeping Dorset's roads safe."

Dorset Police's survey into residents' attitudes to drink and drug driving found that 74 per cent of people (162 people) would not have a drink before driving, however, 23 per cent (51 people) said they would have one drink before driving and almost three per cent of respondents (six people) said they would have two or more drinks before driving.

If anyone suspects someone of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, please dial 999 immediately so that Dorset Police can intercept.

For non-urgent matters, or to pass information about someone who regularly drives under the influence of drugs or alcohol, visit www.dorset.police.uk

Round Table to help with funding for Mountjoy School breaks

BRIDPORT Round Table have come to the aid of Mountjoy School in Beaminster, offering to contribute to short breaks at the school during the holidays.

Short breaks are offered to children and young people with disabilities and additional needs during the school holidays in association with The Arts Development Company (TADC).

Headteacher Jackie Shanks said: "It is not always easy for parents or carers to leave a child

with complex needs in unfamiliar surroundings with staff who are not known to them.

"Holding the workshops at the school with our staff gives them the confidence to have a stress free break during holidays."

Jo March, of TADC, a Dorset County Council commissioned short breaks provider, liaises with Mountjoy School to ensure the holiday clubs offer an experience that will be creative and enjoyable.

Sarah Hutchings,

Mountjoy School family liaison officer, approached the Round Table and asked them to help fund the short-fall and the group have offered to ring-fence a yearly contribution specifically to support the continuation of the

out of school workshops at Mountjoy.

Short break activities are available across the county and are organised by many different providers for children with disabilities to attend out of school hours.

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Give a hand to the hat festival!

MORE hands are needed to help with the annual Bridport Hat Festival this year to make it the best yet.

Now in its eighth year, organisers plan to make the popular event bigger and better than ever, and are hoping to raise more money for Brain Tumour Research and the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust.

The hat festival committee is in need of further volunteers to help both organise and run the festival, which will be held on Saturday, September 2nd.

Brian Atkinson, committee member, said: "We particularly require an organiser who could take overall responsibility for the festival, as I submitted my resignation as chairman at the conclusion of 2016's event – although I am continuing to act as 'caretaker manager' until a replacement is found.

"Helpers are required to assist with the organisation of the Bridport Milliners and Hatters Open Competition, particularly people with a millinery or craft background – although this is not essential.

"Once again we are holding a hat auction on Thursday, August 31st at the Bridport and West Dorset Club, with the proceeds helping to continue our charitable donations of more than £2,000 in 2016, and we require help here in running the event and associated raffle.

"On hat festival day, we are looking to recruit more stewards who can help for as little as two hours, with duties such as manning the road blocks at Gundry Lane and the town hall, which although important is very simple – just advising people what is going on and being in touch with the emergency services in the unlikely event that they are required.

"Other stewarding duties are required in helping to marshal the fun hat competitions in Bucky Doo Square, in conjunction with the mass photograph at 1pm."

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All set for this year's community fair

THE annual Bridport Community Fair will take place on Saturday, February 4th from 9am to 2pm in the town hall.

It is an opportunity to find out about Bridport and West Bay events and activities for 2017, pick up a copy of the events calendar and meet representatives from some of the town's range of activities, interest and support groups.

This year, stands include: Brid-

port Heritage Forum, the Living Tree, Pathways to Care, Bridport Museum, Bridport Community Orchard, Vision 2030, Friends of the Earth, Bridport Local Area Partnership, Millennium Green, Bridport Area Development Trust, Transition Town Bridport, LETS and Bridport Community Youth Project.

Outside in Bucky Doo Square – weather permitting – there will be music from Acoustic

Rooster and others from 10am.

At the fair there will be the first public promotion of two new events for 2017 – the Season of Heritage and Bridport Folk Festival – and a play and recreation area consultation will be launched by the town council.

All organisations are invited to attend, to network and bring their poster for the information wall.

Workshop with rising star of musicals

YOUNG performers wanting a taste of the West End are being offered the chance to partake in a workshop with one of musical theatre's rising stars. Lyme Regis-born Luke Street made his West End debut in the hit stage show *Gypsy* alongside Imelda Staunton and former *Doctor Who* star Peter Davison in 2015. Luke will be returning to Dorset to teach aspiring performers a song and routine from the show.

Jodie Glover, founder of The Bridport Young Performers Scholarship, who has organised the workshop, said: "We are very lucky to get Luke down for the day to give the scholars a taste of a West End show."

"Luke is definitely a rising star in the musical theatre world and the workshop is not one to be missed."

The workshop is being held at the Bridport Youth Centre on Saturday, February 4th from 11am-1pm, to reserve a place for the event call 07716248485. Children must be aged eight and upwards.

The workshop costs £10 and all profits from the event will go to The Bridport Young Performers Scholarship Fund and their Christmas show fund.



■ DORSET-born song and dance man Luke Street



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CCG urges public to take part in Dorset NHS consultation

■ THE last few weeks have seen a huge amount of media coverage concerning the NHS. From pressures on emergency services and ambulances to GP mergers and waiting times, there is barely a day goes by without column inches being devoted to the obvious pressures the system is facing.

Reading the stories and the comments left on news sites and social media it is clear that people across the county are passionate about the services that affect them and it is apparent everyone agrees that something needs to be done in order to ensure the NHS is there in the future.

As I am sure the majority of your readers will be

aware, we are now well in to our public consultation on proposals that we are confident will improve care for local people. These include defining the roles for the acute hospitals in Bournemouth, Dorchester and Poole and the community hospitals across the county.

There is a lot of information in the public domain about the proposals which has come from a number of sources, some of it more accurate than others. Talking to people at recent events it is apparent people want the clear facts and some clarity on areas such as urgent care and hospital beds.

With only a few weeks to go to make views

known I would like to take this opportunity to urge all your readers to pick up a copy of our document Improving Dorset's healthcare, complete the questionnaire and have a say on the future of services in Dorset.

You may agree with the proposals or may not; you may have signed a petition or have attended one of our events and haven't got round to doing the questionnaire – whatever your point of view please make sure you don't miss the opportunity to have your say and get involved.

The document is available through GP practices, hospitals and local libraries as well as online at www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk Alternatively copies can be requested by calling 01202 541946.

The consultation ends on February 28th, after which views will be analysed by an independent research company and a final report produced. This final report will inform any decisions that are made so if you have a view it is vital you get involved.

Please don't leave it too late – have your say today.

TIM GOODSON,
Chief Officer,
NHS Dorset CCG

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How the Co-op Community Fund helps local causes like ours

■ THANKS for last week's article about the partnership between the ASPIRE Project and the BYPAT (Bridport Young Persons Action Trust) Charity in providing support for students at the Sir John Colfox Academy and, eventually, for others within the wider community.

As mentioned in the article, this work has been chosen by the local Co-op as one of the three beneficiaries of their newly-introduced Community Fund.

It was only after mentioning this at last week's meeting of the charity that it became obvious that not too many people seem to know about the fund.

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Bridport residents invited to public meeting on local NHS changes

RESIDENTS are being invited to a public meeting entitled 'SOS NHS: You need your health service, now your health service needs you!' on Wednesday, February 8th at 7pm for 7.30pm in Bridport Town Hall.

There will be the opportunity to hear from invited speakers and express their concerns about the future of the NHS in Dorset.

Changes already made, or planned, to ambulance services, GP surgeries, A&E and Dorchester Kingfisher ward and Special Care Baby Unit will be discussed and residents will have the chance to complete the questionnaire issued by Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The meeting, organised by Bridport UNITE community group in collaboration with Brid-

port Labour Party and Green Party, will also look at local changes from a national perspective.

John Hartung, of UNITE community group, said: "Across the country one third of A&Es are facing closure, while half of NHS authorities are being forced to cut the number of hospital beds. This is at a time when around 3.9million people are on hospital waiting lists.

"The present health secretary, Jeremy Hunt, advocated as long ago as 2005 that the NHS be replaced by private insurance, as in the USA, for those who can afford it; with a drastic reduction in free health care."

The meeting is free and as many people as possible are urged to attend.

Dorset's Got Talent back at Freshwater

WELDMAR Hospicecare Trust is once again looking for talented Dorset residents as Dorset's Got Talent returns.

The charity has teamed up with Freshwater Beach Holiday Park for the annual talent competition, which is exclusive to Dorset residents.

They are looking for any talent from people of all ages, including dancers, singers, magicians, comedians, impressionist and illusionist.

Residents are being encouraged to register now to be in with a chance of winning £500 cash donated by Hive Beach Café, a family holiday at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park, a guaranteed performance at the Dorset 2017 Festival and many more.

Auditions will take place on Saturday, February 4th and Saturday, February 11th at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park in Burton Bradstock.

Tickets are also on sale for the live semi-finals on Saturday, February 25th and Saturday, March 4th and the final on Saturday, March 11th.

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■ **DAVID Clarke and Jason Mahoney of Bridport Barracudas are presented with £600 from Cllr Ros Kayes and Sylvia Stafford**



■ **TED Pastille (left) of the Britt Valley Camp-ground received £200 to go to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance**



■ **ROSEMARY Russell (left) received £100 on behalf of St John's Church in West Bay**

West Bay Days splits profits between local good causes

MEMBERS of West Bay Days have distributed more than £2,000 to the beneficiaries of their events last year and local charities.

The group organise Pirates Day, West Bay Day, Bonfire on the Beach and Christmas Tree on the Green each year in West Bay, with proceeds going back into the community.

Supporters, volunteers and representatives from local organisations and charities were invited to the annual awards ceremony at Haddon House in West Bay last week, in which mayor of Bridport, Cllr Ros Kayes presented the money to the various organisations.

The beneficiaries of money raised from last year's events were: Bridport Barracudas, Bridport Youth Football Club, Greenhills and West Bay WI, which all received £600 each.

The group also run a small grants fund and were able to give £250 to the Lyme Bay Fishermen's Association, £200 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance through the Britt Valley Camping Ground – who let the group use their fields for parking – and £100 each to St John's Church and the Harbourside Carnival Club.

Jim Tigg, a member of West Bay Days committee,



■ **GEORGINA Boyer and Kelly Knight of the Harbourside Carnival Club received £100**

said: "This year we will seek four beneficiaries, the application date is February 10th, and we also – having got a bit of experience from last year – will retain some money for a small grants fund.

"That is all due to the effort of everybody – sponsors, volunteers, beneficiaries, ourselves, the pure generosity of the people who have come to our events.

"The year ahead will be a challenge, we are looking forward to it, we really would appreciate some young people on our committee and volunteers and sponsors."

Sylvia Stafford, chair of West Bay Days, thanked everyone who helped make the events a success, including sponsors, supporters, Bridport Town Council, Bridport Christmas Cheer, Palmers Brewery, the Watch House Café, volunteers and the West Bay Days' management team.

Applications for the 2017 awards are invited from local charities and groups within a five mile radius of West Bay and must be submitted between February 10th and March 31st.

An application form and more information can be obtained by emailing westbaydays@gmail.com or calling 07899 780420.



■ **STEPHEN Postoes (centre) of Lyme Bay Fishermen's Association received £250 to go towards a defibrillator in West Bay**



■ **GREG Tuck (left) of Bridport Youth Football Club received £600**



■ **GILL Bowskill (left), home manager at Greenhills, was presented with £600**



■ **SUE Rider of West Bay WI collects £600 from Cllr Ros Kayes and Sylvia Stafford**

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Local company fundraises for hospital cancer appeal

A BRIDPORT company has shown its support for Dorset County Hospital's Cancer Appeal.

In October last year, Guy Crabb Plumbing and Heating raised more than £1,000 by donating 10 per cent of their boiler servicing revenue for the entire month to the Cancer Appeal.

Director Guy Crabb said: "I am delighted by the support of our customers for this fundraising initiative and the excellent work of our plumbing and heating engineers to carry out record numbers of boiler services within October.

"Supporting the Cancer Appeal was personally important to me and members of the team, many of whom have had family members and friends facing cancer.

"Bringing services to our local area is vital and we wish the fundraising team every success in reaching their goal.

"Our contribution may be a small step towards their target but every little helps and we will continue to support this great cause in every way we can."

Andrew House, head of fundraising, said: "We are thrilled to have Guy Crabb Plumbing and Heating joining us in our fundraising for the Cancer Appeal.

"People living in the west of Dorset will be amongst those who will benefit the most from the new radiotherapy centre and this kind of support is vital

to the success of our campaign."

Dorset County Hospital charity is raising £1.75million to support the provision of radiotherapy services in Dorchester for the first time.

The new radiotherapy unit at Dorset County Hospital will transform cancer care for many patients who will no longer have to travel to Poole for their treatment.

In addition, the charity's Cancer Appeal will fund improvements to the hospital's chemotherapy unit and provide counselling and support facilities for all cancer patients.

The radiotherapy bunkers and the machines themselves are being paid for by Poole Hospital following a large donation from Robert White.

Recent donations have pushed the appeal total up to £960,000 – more than 50 per cent of the amount needed.

Fortuneswell Cancer Trust, the charity's main partner in the appeal, has already given £250,000 and pledged a further £100,000 and many other Dorset companies and community groups have also supported the appeal.

Work has begun at the hospital and it is anticipated that the first patients will be treated at the new radiotherapy unit by spring 2018.

For more information on the appeal, call Rachel on 01305 253215, email charity@dchft.nhs.uk or visit www.dchft.nhs.uk/charity

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Council tax precept agreed

BRIDPORT town councillors have agreed to increase the town council's share of council tax by 6.36 per cent for Band D households, raising the tax precept to £33,909.

The annual charge will increase by £11.65, which will raise £582,700, with an additional £10,000 towards delegated services.

The increase was agreed at the Bridport Town Council meeting last week.

Cllr Dave Rickard said: "There are quite a few little aspects, one is the unitary coming up, we do not know what services will come down after that change, we are already struggling with services and when the unitary comes in who knows.

"It is our duty to be prudent and put by money for a rainy day.

"Had the previous councils not been prudent and put by money for extraordinary expenses and pro-

jects, we would probably not be having this meeting in this fine building.

"This is a very small price to pay to keep our accounts ahead of the game, other councils are now struggling because they haven't done that in the past."

Cllr Sarah Williams said that it is a "budget for everybody in Bridport" as they take on more services and continue to support local groups.

Cllr Anne Rickard said: "We are all in this together and all these cuts are coming from way above and each year there is less and less money and if we want to survive, if we want to continue being a successful town we are all in it together and we all need to put our five pence in.

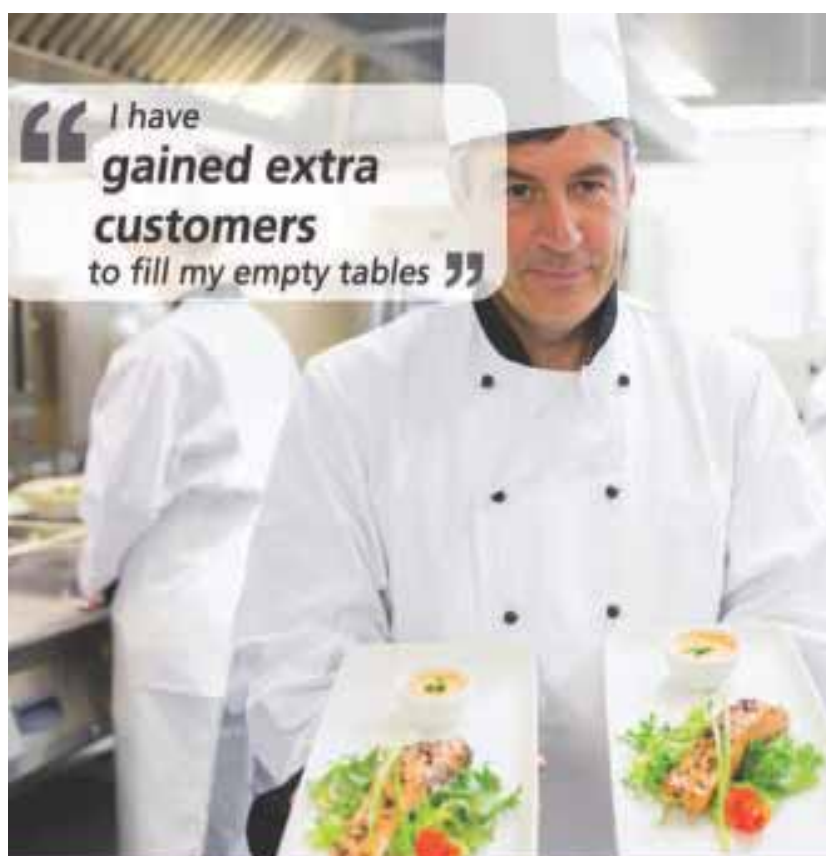
"I think people of Bridport will be happy to spend another five pence."

New 100 Club

THE first winner of Bridport Youth and Community Centre's 100 Club has been drawn. John Dalton was the lucky winner of £100 after his name was drawn by mayor of Bridport, Cllr Ros Kayes, pictured with Cllr Kelvin Clayton, a trustee of the centre.

The team are still short of people and anyone wanting to join and pay £5 a month in the chance of winning £100 should contact Kelvin at bridportycc@hotmail.com. Money raised goes towards the delivery of youth clubs at the Gundry Road centre.





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Public urged to fight on after Dorchester meeting over NHS

■ **NHS MEETING:** Dr Jon Orrell makes a point. Other panellists (from left) are Chris Gray, Unison, Claudia Sorin, Labour, and Cllr Paul Kimber, Labour



by Trevor Bevins

LOCAL people are being urged to fight on over proposals to change local NHS services.

A public meeting in the Dorchester Corn Exchange warned the proposals would create a worse service with rising costs as parts of the NHS locally were privatised.

The audience was told that if Dorset agreed to the current 'savings' the reward would be more cuts to come.

The proposed reforms were also condemned as ill-conceived, taking no account of the effect of Brexit on a service where 40 per cent of the staff are now trained abroad – and at a time when there is a national shortage of medical staff of all grades – with Dorset being one of the most expensive places to live and work.

PRIVATISATION CONCERNS

Former Clinical Commissioning Group member, Weymouth GP, Dr Jon Orrell, said it was no accident that the NHS was in crisis because the government's aim was to privatise what it could of the service.

He said that locally, as a GP, his patients could now expect to wait a year, or more, for paediatric service and a similar time for a simple cataract operation. A local hospital ward which once had three full time cleaners, now had one part-time cleaner.

"In the old days I could expect an ambulance within eight minutes, or less, if someone collapsed in my surgery – the last time that happened it took two hours."

He said that even if GPs did open for longer it would achieve little with public health, social care and other parts of the health service in what he described as "freefall."

He said that the UK put in about seven per cent of its national income to the service, compared to 12 per cent in Germany and 18 per cent in the USA.

"It is a political decision to starve the NHS of money – the government could choose to invest in the service, rather than continually squeeze it, if they

wanted to," said Dr Orrell.

And he warned that unless people protested now it really would be too late to save the NHS as it had been intended – a service which was free to all who needed it.

"They are nibbling away at Dorset County Hospital at paediatrics and maternity. That's only the start: if they get away with it there will be more cuts to follow."

He also warned about proposals to have fewer, but larger GP surgeries, and a forthcoming review of mental health service.

CONSULTANCY FEES

Several speakers were critical of the way the CCG had paid between £2 and £3m to consultants to advise on the review process, and the way in which CCG meetings had been organised at which people felt there was no opportunity for public debate.

One speaker from the hall, a former NHS worker, said that she and her husband had spent almost an hour talking to an official from the CCG at the Dorchester drop-in event. At the end of it she asked how he would be feeding back their comments and suggestions as he had not taken a single note of the conversation.

There was also criticism of the way the review document was laid out and the way questions were framed.

"I would issue a strong health warning when filling in this document," said Dr Orrell, "if you vote for one thing you might, effectively, be voting against something else."

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"This is the fight of a lifetime. Earlier generations fought to establish the NHS... get your friends and neighbours to help you defend it... the NHS will only last as long as there are people with the strength to fight for it."

Other speakers included Portland Councillor Paul Kimber, a member of the health scrutiny

committee, who paid tribute to NHS staff and care staff at Tricuro who he said were struggling to do the best that they could while their service was being financially savaged by the government.

Chris Gray from Unison spoke of staff leaving the service in despair because of the pressure and having not had an above inflation pay rise since 2010.

He said that Dorset faced particular problems with over half of the staff currently older than 50: "If you think we have a crisis now, wait for the next 5-10 years when most of these staff will have retired, then we will have a real crisis."

He questioned the way the review had been ordered: "If we are going to have a review we should have a review on the NHS we want and then decide if we want to pay for it... it's a choice – do you want to see a collapse of the NHS, or put pressure on the government to fund the NHS we all want to see as well as a decent social care system."

POINTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Speakers from the floor were critical of the costs for those now wanting to train to work in the NHS; the lack of foresight in planning ahead to get enough 'home-grown' medical staff which has led to a reliance on expensive agency workers and an increasing number of NHS staff coming from abroad.

Junior doctors were praised for standing up to imposed changes in their contracts with speakers warning that many were now leaving the country as a result of the Government's handling of the situation.

There was criticism of the lack of preventative measures to encourage people to be fit and healthy; the lack of dementia beds in West Dorset and the silence on the proposed reforms from all of Dorset's MPs.

There was also concern that NHS administrators might be tempted to borrow their way out of the crisis or enter into expensive Private Finance Initiative schemes to fund new projects.

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Magna plans to sell off 16 houses are blasted

MAGNA Housing Association's plans to sell 16 of their three bedroom homes on the open market has been blasted as "criminal" and "unacceptable".

The move has been reported to help the housing association build around 600 new homes across Dorset and Somerset.

Yogesh Vadgama, head of asset management at Magna Housing Association, said: "I can confirm that a property in Bridport and a property in Chideock are being sold by Magna on the open market.

by Lottie Welch
lottie@viewnews.co.uk

"These are part of approximately 16 properties we hope to sell across Dorset and Devon before the end of March. The money from these sales will help pay for our new build development programme for 600 new homes by March 2021.

"In 2015, the government told all housing associations that we have to cut our rents by one per cent each

year for the next four years. So we have to find a way of making up the money we are losing.

"We use our resources wisely and carefully, giving the best value for money we can.

"We have chosen to make up the money we need by selling properties – and building others to replace them – and only cutting our costs where it doesn't affect our services.

"Our purpose is to help people meet their housing needs so we do our best to make sure that the open market sales are not in areas where

there are few socially rented homes and we do this in consultation with local authorities."

However, Cllr Ros Kayes, town, district and county councillor for Bridport, claims that officers at West Dorset District Council reported the sales were due to "balancing the books" for Magna.

She said: "I am extremely concerned that this is happening when we have a huge housing register waiting list.

"I have been told by officers at West Dorset District Council that this is about balancing the books and not about building new houses at all.

"This is not an acceptable thing for Magna to be doing. I understand that government cuts to rents has affected Magna's revenue but they have adequate reserves to cover the losses.

"Social housing is so difficult to obtain at the moment. Local people are struggling in inadequate circumstances.

"It is criminal to take advantage of the right to see these homes on the open market instead of using them for the purpose for which they were built.

"I am not satisfied at the way that West Dorset District Council are sloping their shoulders over this.

"Claiming they have no say in how a housing association deals with sales of its properties and its policies is disingenuous.

"Whilst it might be technically true, because housing associations will rely on the local authority for

planning advice and support, there is a close relationship which could and should be used to lean on Magna to prevent these sell-offs.

"Magna claim this is to fund new builds – but new builds will be funded by housing grant and development loans. WDDC claim it is to help Magna balance their books in the face of rent reductions.

"The clear answer is to build more homes for social rent. Then they would increase their overall income from rentals and pay off the interest from any loans they took out in order to build.

"Any shortfall from current rents should be met by their reserves. This is a counter productive policy and I think WDDC should ask them to reverse it."

Members of the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan Housing Group also have concerns over the sale of the homes and want to see more affordable homes in the area.

A spokesperson for the group said: "This news is difficult to reconcile with the fact that 283 households – about one in every 30 in the Bridport area – are on the housing register as being homeless or unsuitably accommodated.

"These residents are unlikely ever to be able to buy a home, they struggle to meet private rental costs, endure overcrowding and often share with others. We must all find this unacceptable.

"Consequently, the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan Housing Group strongly supports the need for more social rented housing.

"They have identified an across the board need for lower cost open market housing at prices more in reach of locals, in preference to housing built predominantly to serve affluent second home owners and retirees from outside the area.

"Around 1,000 new homes are currently planned for Bridport, of which 250 should be a mixture of social rented and affordable rented.

"However, affordable rent is specified by the government as being up to 80 per cent of private rent, equating to at least £150 per week for a three bedroomed affordable home.

"Nationally accepted criteria show that more than half the households in Bridport simply cannot afford this.

"It is misleading to say that rents priced at 80 per cent of private rents are affordable here.

"Housing associations prefer to provide affordable rented homes – they get a much better return on their investment and since the government does not subsidise social housing the chance of many social rented homes being built in Bridport is slim.

"Spokesmen of both local and central government keep reassuring us that affordable housing is on its way. Yes, more housing may be on its way but affordable it isn't, at least not to those in housing need.

"The sad fact is that the district council's local plan is not going to help those desperate people on the housing register and those suffering housing poverty. The people of Bridport need to understand this."

Councils accelerate home building

WEST Dorset District Council, along with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and North Dorset District Council, has started a programme which aims to encourage more home building at a faster pace.

The three councils plan to enable building 20,000 additional homes by 2033 and the target is part of the Western Dorset Growth Strategy and will be monitored by the councils' members.

The councils are already actively working with private sector developers, housing associations and landowners to promote housing development and want to see more quality homes built quicker.

Housing development is enabled through local plans and the council's development management teams. Examples extend from Gillingham, Littlemoor and Vearse Farm in Bridport to the former Hardy Complex and Brewers Quay in Weymouth.

Yet more needs to be done. The rate of home building locally and nationally is below target.

There is a recognised home affordability gap and the councils need to support Dorset's econ-

omy by providing homes for workers that are locally affordable and built in the right places that are sensitive to Dorset's environment.

The Housing Finance Institute has been appointed from December 2016 to February 2017 to review the current activities and advise what can be done differently and better to make Housing Business Ready councils – in which councils adopt practical actions to create housing opportunity and speed up housing delivery.


West Dorset District Council, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and North Dorset District Council will be benefiting from £2million to support community land trusts.

Cllr Tim Yarker, West Dorset District Council's executive portfolio holder for housing, said: "Building the right number of new homes in the right places is key to maintaining the economic vibrancy of West Dorset, and an essential part of this is the provision of additional affordable housing.

"It is because this is so important that the council is taking a more active role in ensuring that it happens."

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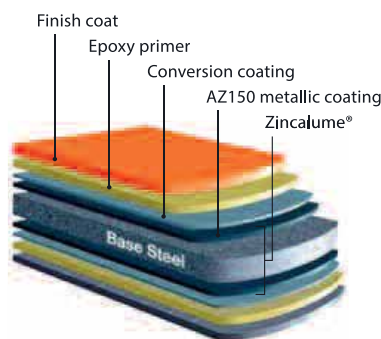
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'FUNraiser' showcase for local food and drink

FOLLOWING on from a popular pre-Christmas event, Bridport Epicureans will be holding a FUNraiser on February 5th at the WI Hall in North Street, featuring some of the best local food and drink. The event is being organised on behalf of the Epicureans by Nigel Wheeler, owner of specialist British delicatessen,

Real British Food, a regular stall on Bridport's street market. Nigel said: "The Epicureans take their name from followers of Greek philosopher Epicurus, who believed in the pursuit of happiness, particularly through the enjoyment of fine food and drink. "No philosophy degree required

though, this is just a great opportunity to step out of the February gloom for food, drink and fun!" Nigel is also a member of the management team for the Sunday Bridport Food Market (BFM). While BFM is taking a short break until early spring, the event will feature many of the market's popular regular traders and products including British and Italian cured meats from Real British Food and Mercato Italiano, micro bakery the Wobbly Cottage, brownies from Bayside Bakery, locally reared meats from MDS Meats, jams and chutneys from Ali's Homemade and spice blends from Magic Spice. There is also an opportunity to meet new traders Amuse Chocolates, with their superfood-infused hand made chocolates and fudge and enjoy Kenilworth Kitchen's range of exotic snacks. A key feature of the Epicureans' event is a selection of tasting platters, showcasing a range of ingredients on sale from the market traders, which will be freshly created by local chef Dominic Brown, supper club organiser and owner of the Bearkat Bistro at the Lyric Theatre. To wash it all down, Wessex Wines will be running a bar and coffee will be available from Moka Café. Former Venner Bar mixologist Lloyd Brown will also be attending in his new role as brand ambassador for Porter's Perfection vodka, offering the chance to try this new offering from Liberty Fields. Lloyd said: "What an amazing event. This is just what Bridport needs!" Entry is free and children are welcome. For more information email nigel@realbritishfood.uk



NIGEL Wheeler of Bridport Epicureans and Real British Food is organising an event to showcase the best of local food and drink

TV star backs Dorset's Surviving Winter appeal

TELEVISION and radio presenter Valerie Singleton, best known for presenting Blue Peter in the 1960s, is backing Dorset Community Foundation's Surviving Winter Appeal, which raises donations from unwanted winter fuel allowances to help local older people in fuel poverty. Valerie said: "If you don't feel that you need your winter fuel allowance, please donate to this wonderful initiative to help a local older person in need. "It is shocking that many older people are at risk and often suffer in silence, having to choose between heating or eating. "As little as £200 can save someone's life." Since the re-launch of the appeal in November, the charity has raised nearly £23,000 in donations. The money is dispersed in the form of grants through the local Citizens Advice Bureau network to local older people over 60 who are struggling during the winter months. Mrs Lyle, who received support from the appeal, said: "It sometimes felt like being sat in a prison



because you are stuck in one room to keep warm. "The Dorset Community Foundation's Surviving Winter Appeal enabled me to put my heating on and gave me the freedom to sleep in my own bed as oppose to the settee. "Most importantly, you stopped me from having to go back into hospital and helped me live a life in the winter." To donate to the appeal, send a cheque made out to Dorset Community Foundation to Surviving Winter, The Spire, High Street, Poole, BH15 1DF. Alternatively visit www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org or call 01202 670815.



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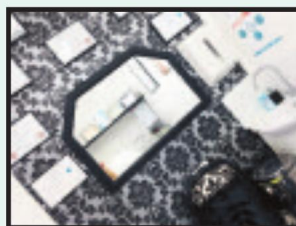
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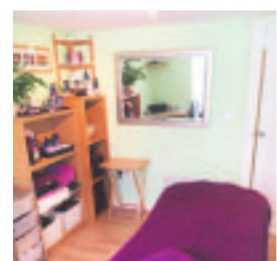
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Public urged to report suspicions of child neglect

LOCAL safeguarding children boards, local authorities, NHS and police across Dorset are asking the public to be curious about the signs of neglect to help keep children safe.

Child neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse and is the most common reason for taking child protection action.

Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs, including food, clothing and shelter; a safe place to live; love, care and attention; education, health or dental care.

Currently, more than 50 per cent of child protection plans – made up by the local authority on how the child can be kept safe – across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole are as a result of child neglect. The number of children affected by neglect is far greater than those currently on child protection plans.

Neglect issues may not always reach the threshold levels required for services to take child protection action, but instead in these cases, children's social care and other agencies will work proactively with families to provide support and advice to address some types of neglect before they become more serious.

Sarah Elliott, chair of both the Dorset and Bournemouth & Poole safeguarding children boards, said: "Child neglect can be hidden within families and communities meaning that it doesn't come to the attention of agencies, who are well placed to provide specialist help.

"That is why we need the people of Dorset to also be our eyes and ears, to help spot the signs of neglect, so that timely support can be put in place for children and their families.

"Do not think 'it is none of my busi-

ness', if you have concerns – be curious and ask yourself; does a child's behaviour, appearance or living situation worry you?"

"If it does, then tell someone. It might make the difference between a child being safe or at risk of harm."

Professionals who work with children and other members of the public are being asked to act against child neglect if they spot the signs and report concerns so that support plans can be put in place before problems escalate.

Neglected children and young people may: be left hungry or dirty; be left without adequate clothing; be living in dangerous conditions; be living in a home that is indisputably dirty or unsafe; be withdrawn or often angry, aggressive or self-harm; fail to receive basic health or dental care and fail to receive medical treatment when ill or injured.

Ms Elliott added: "Your concerns may seem small but you could have noticed something that someone else has missed, which could be part of the bigger picture to help keep a child or young person safe.

"With neglect cases, often it is a build-up of little pieces of information from a teacher, doctor, the next-door neighbour, or others, which combined lead to helping protect a child from neglect.

"There can be a number of reasons why families may be struggling to adequately care and provide for their children.

"Reporting your concerns does not mean a family will have their children taken away. It is always our aim to keep families together with support in place.

"When a report is made, social workers and others in children's social services

work with the family and other agencies to make sure a child or young person is safe and their needs are met.

"If you suspect a child is experiencing any form of neglect it is important you tell someone. Talk to someone who works with the child or young person such as a teacher, support worker or medical professional, or contact your local children's social care services."

Julie Campbell, NSPCC local campaigns manager in the South Wes, said: "Being a parent isn't always easy and parents struggle from time to time.

"Many parents don't realise there is help out there is help out there, and we would encourage them to seek help before things get out of hand and children are put at risk.

"Where there are concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, most people find the decision to report these concerns a difficult one. They worry about overreacting or being wrong, and may question whether they have strong enough evidence, or if they have misread the signs of abuse or misunderstood a situation.

"They may also be concerned about the personal repercussions if they know the family involved.

"Some people don't report suspected neglect because they think it might just be a one off. But even if that is the case, every child deserves to be protected – it is better to be safe than sorry. It may be nothing but it could be something."

Concerns can be reported to Dorset children's social care on 01202 228866, the NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000, by visiting www.nspcc.org.uk or through Dorset Police by calling 101 or at www.dorset.police.uk

New specialist at CAB



CITIZENS Advice Bridport and District has appointed a new welfare benefits specialist to increase their capacity to undertake complex benefit cases and appeals.

Local resident Andy Pennington will be joining the team at the office in South Street.

Manager Rovann Wickremasinghe said: "We are very pleased with the appointment of our new caseworker, Andy Pennington, who has 18 years' experience in welfare benefits advice working for a variety of organisations including a local government welfare rights unit, NHS mental health trusts and various charities.

"Andy is a highly capable and experienced benefit adviser and more than a third of all client enquiries we deal with concern welfare benefits and Andy will enable us to increase our service provision in this area."

■ ANDY Pennington joins Citizens Advice Bridport and District as a welfare benefits specialist

Andy has previously been involved with Citizens Advice Bridport and District in a voluntary capacity.

He said: "I jumped at the opportunity to get more involved and contribute to its brilliant work in our local community.

"I am looking forward to helping the bureau deal with the increasing numbers of personal independent payment and employment and support allowance appeals and help people manage when the full universal credit is introduced in our area at the end of this year."

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St Catherine's dominates at primary schools' cross-country

ALMOST perfect conditions saw probably the biggest field of runners contest the first of two races in the West Dorset Primary Schools Cross



■ REVENGE: Oakley Winters-O'Brien on his way to winning the boys race

Country Championship at the Sir John Colfox Academy recently which was well supported by parents and families.

The races, traditionally held at the start of the New Year, follow on from the Bridport Primary Schools Cluster race held in December around Colmers Hill.

In the girls' race involving 62 runners, the Colmers' winner, Loveday Found (Symondsburys), took the lead from the start and never looked back, crossing the line first, with R Crane (Bridport St Mary's) second and M McDonald third.

With four runners in the top ten Symondsburys won the A race with 24 points, with Parrett & Axe second (42) and St Catherine's (57) third. Parrett & Axe won the B race title.

A Cox of Symondsburys was favourite for the boys' race having caught St Catherine's Oakley Winters-O'Brien in the final 20m to claim the Colmers title, but Winters-O'Brien was to get his revenge this time. He went out hard from the start and finished comfortably the winner ahead of Cox with another St Catherine's runner F Parkman third.

With three more runners in the top seven in a field of 90, St Catherine's easily won the A race title with a meagre 14 points. Bridport Primary were second (48) and Symondsburys (82) third. St Catherine's dominance was clear as they took the B race title as well.



Talk on pioneering Dorset photographer

BRIDPORT Area Development Trust is to welcome Jessica Sutcliffe, daughter of pioneering photographer Helen Muspratt, to the town to give a talk on her mother's life.

Helen Muspratt opened her first studio in her home town of Swanage, where she was encouraged by Francis Newbury, the retired head of the Glasgow School of Art, then living in Corfe Castle.

Newbury had trained at Bridport Art School, which was housed in the literary and scientific institute and is best known locally for his murals in Bridport Town Hall, including the 'Spirit of Bridport'.

Newbury later introduced Helen to her future partner Lettice Ramsey and together they opened a new studio; Ramsey & Muspratt, in Cambridge. Here they were

drawn in to a society of young intellectuals, artists, scientists and left wing activists and made portraits of many well-known people.

Fascinated by the work of Man Ray – an American visual artist – they began experimenting with techniques such as solarisation and multiple exposures, the couple produced extraordinary images of their friends and clients, which are now recognised as an important examples of 20th Century photography.

Helen Muspratt also ventured into documentary photography when she visited the Soviet Union in 1936 and the Welsh Mining Valleys the following year.

A second Ramsey & Muspratt studio was opened in Oxford where Helen practised as a portrait photographer until her retire-

ment in 1977.

Helen's story includes glimpses of a childhood in India, the artistic community in Purbeck in the 1920s and 1930s, experiments in the darkroom with Cambridge scientists, marriage to a communist party activist, the reality of being a working mother, and above all, her passionate interest in recording the human face in all its shapes and angles.

The talk will take place on Tuesday, February 7th at Bridport Town Hall at 7.30pm, where Jessica Sutcliffe will be available to sign copies of her new book on her mother; 'Face: Shape and Angle'.

Tickets cost £6 and are available at Bridport Tourist Information Centre.

Money raised will support the restoration of Bridport Literary and Scientific Institute.

Valentine's Day

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The Riverside Restaurant

THE RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT AT WEST BAY OPENING FOR THE NEW SEASON

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- Paint brush
- Stencil(s)
- Rubbing alcohol and cotton balls or cloth

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- Add your stencil to your glass.
- Apply the glass etching cream with a thick even layer over your stencil. (Like in picture) Be careful not to touch anywhere with it that you don't want etched.
- Let sit for 10 minutes and then wash off completely under running water.
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Many of the blockprinted textiles have been designed and printed especially for the shop and are not available anywhere else.

Spring and summer clothing and new designs in nightwear will also be available very soon.

Voile curtains, printed and woven cotton throws and Turkish and Iranian kilims are in stock and as ever there is also a wide selection of silver jewellery and stationery.

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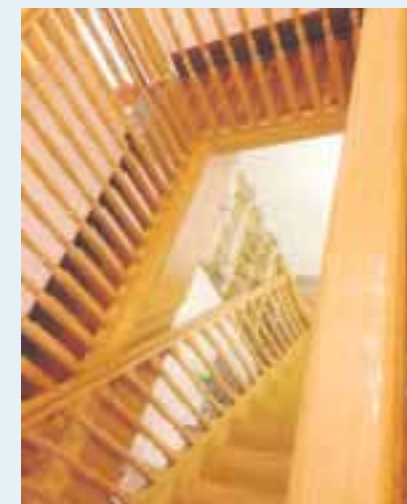
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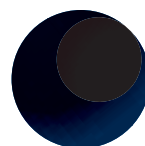


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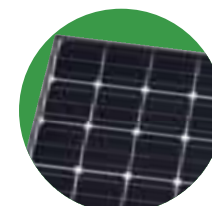
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Dorset Police support for hate crime victims



DORSET Police has joined forces with national project Tell MAMA to support victims of anti-Muslim hate crimes.

An awareness event was held in partnership with Bournemouth University to bring together police, partners and the community to develop a better understanding of anti-Muslim hate crime and the impact it has on Dorset communities.

Dorset Police has signed an Information Sharing Agreement with Tell MAMA, which supports victims of anti-Muslim hate, with police forces and the government to raise awareness of anti-Muslim hate crime through sharing information, good practice, trends and training events.

Superintendent Nicky Searle, Dorset Police's hate crime lead, said: "Although anti-Muslim hate crimes are low in Dorset, racially and religiously aggravated hate offences are the most common type of hate crime in the county."

DORSET Police has joined forces with Tell MAMA to help victims of anti-Muslim hate crimes, with an awareness event held in partnership with Bournemouth University

"It is important for Tell MAMA to form partnerships with police forces across the country and not just those in areas which have large Muslim communities and high rates of hate crime."

"National and international acts of terrorism and hate impact directly on incidents and crimes that take place in Dorset and it is important that police and partners understand both the scale and the impact that such incidents have on our communities."

"We know that hate crime is under reported and so anything that Dorset Police and partners, working together as Prejudice Free Dorset, can do to raise awareness and reduce prejudice really helps our communities feel safe."

Between April 2015 and March 2016, there were 421 hate crimes and incidents reported in Dorset, with 23 of these being directly related to religion or belief.

Victims can report hate crimes at www.dorset.police.uk or can contact Tell MAMA at www.tellmamauk.org

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Local businesses join refill scheme

MORE than 50 businesses – including three in Bridport – have signed up to take part in a simple scheme which aims to reduce the number of single use plastic bottles being littered on the streets, green spaces and beaches.

Participating businesses have opened their doors to anyone wanting to have their own reusable bottles refilled for free, in the hope that more people will be encouraged to carry re-usable bottles rather than reaching for bottled water each time they are thirsty.

The Green Yard Café, Aroma Café and Number 10 bar are participating in the scheme in Bridport, as well as The Kingcombe Centre in Toller Porcorum.

The project is being run locally by Litter Free Coast and Sea which hopes it will help change people's habits.

Project co-ordinator Natalie Poulter said: "Every time somebody refills rather than buying a new bottle from a shop or café, one fewer bottle runs the risk of ending up as either litter or going to landfill."

tomers to take it up, it will become the norm to invest in a bottle you love and take it everywhere with you.

"Participating businesses have told us it makes perfect sense to offer free tap water to their customers, and many are keen to promote something they are doing already."

"The refills are totally free with no pressure to buy anything else, but we find often people buy a coffee or cake at the same time."

"Refill not only saves customers money but, for a café, it can also cut down rubbish and recycling bills. Most importantly it means they can show that they are a friendly business that cares about their customers and local environment, which is increasingly important in building customer loyalty."

Refill Dorset is also supported by Dorset Wildlife Trust, which has signed up all their visitor centres as refill stations and sell refillable bottles from their centres at Kimmeridge and Chesil Beach.

Julie Hatcher, marine awareness officer, said: "Plastic drink bottles and lids are among the commonest types of litter we find on beaches."

"The refill campaign aims to tackle this problem at its source and offer people a healthier and cheaper option at the same time."

"All Dorset Wildlife Trust's centres are happy to offer free tap water refills. Just call in and ask!"

Each business displays a 'Refill here' blue sticker in their window to show customers it is ok to ask.

All the Dorset businesses that have signed up are mapped on a Refill Britain app, which is available for free for iOS and Android smartphones.

"Single use plastic water bottles are one of the most frequently found items of litter on our beaches here in Dorset, so it is important to take as many out of circulation as possible."

"We hope that by encouraging businesses to offer this simple service, and encouraging cus-

First meeting of the year for art society

DESPITE a freezing cold evening, there was an excellent turnout for Bridport Art Society's first meeting of 2017 where members brought their work for appraisal and advice from well known local artist, Michael Chappell.

Michael gave a lot of time and careful consideration to his advice on technique and composition which members were keen to receive, and all were united in their enthusiasm to carry on painting and improving.

The next meeting on Thursday, February 23rd will feature Sue Barnes giving a demonstration of acrylics, tissue and collage Georgia O'Keefe style.

This meeting will take place at The Bridport Christian Fellowship Hall, King Street (by the East Street car park) at 7.30pm.

New members are very welcome, and if you would like any more information then please contact Victoria on 01308 425927.

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County gets nearly £2M for social care programme

DORSET is one of only three areas in the country to have been awarded a share of a £7million government fund to transform services for children and families.

Dorset County Council has been awarded £1.995million from the Department of Education's social care innovation programme for its reinvigorating social work training and development programme.

The project aims to 'get it right for the first time' for children and young people in Dorset by investing in developing social workers so they can focus more on making a difference to children and families early on.

The scheme was successfully piloted with a small group of social workers last year and the funding means the county council will now roll out across its children's social care workforce over the next two years.

Reinvigorating social work is a targeted programme of learning, development and support aimed at empowering social workers.

It promotes a model of social work practice based on building relationships and improving outcomes for children and families.

The programme will include: training, coaching and use of research for all social workers and managers; embedding a relationship-based approach to working with children and families; extra resources to free up social workers to take part in the scheme; social work forums for sharing best practice; listening to the views of children and families to improve outcomes and promoting direct work with children and young people.

Sara Tough, director of children's services for Dorset County Council, said: "It is our vision for social work in Dorset to put making a difference for children, young people and families first."

"The focus of reinvigorating social work is improving outcomes and developing a model we can adopt across children's services."

"This funding means we can invest in our social workers, who work day in and day out to make a difference for people in Dorset."

"We are committed to making Dorset a place where quality social work can thrive. The programme will help us keep our great social workers and attract others to come and work

in Dorset. We will be actively recruiting extra social workers to help deliver this approach."

Cllr Deborah Croney, the council's cabinet member for learning, skills and children's safeguarding, said: "I am delighted that Dorset is one of only three areas in the country to be awarded funding from the government's innovation fund."

"A great deal of thought and effort went into our bid, which has gone through a robust and rigorous process in order to secure government approval."

"We are committed to working with our partners and communities to improve the outcomes for children, young people and families in Dorset. Our social workers are at the frontline of that and it is great we will now be able to invest in helping them make a difference as early as possible."

Find out more about social care opportunities in Dorset at www.findyourfutureindorset.co.uk

To find out more about Dorset's reinvigorating social work programme, visit <https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/social-work-jobs-dorset/?p=605>

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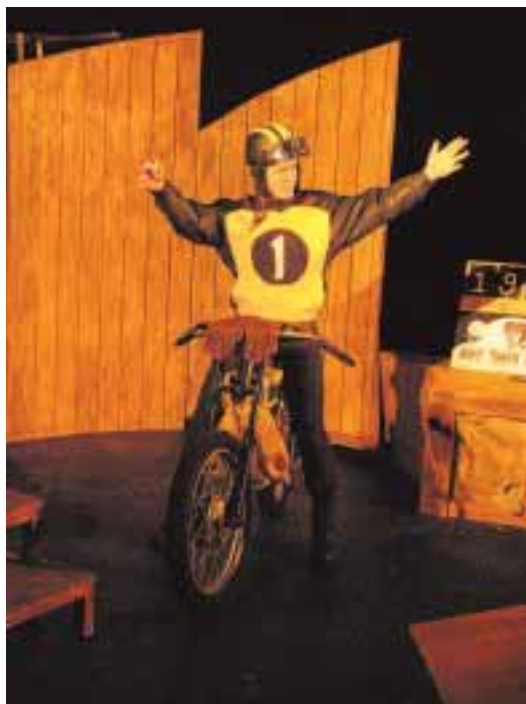
The Dare Devil Rides to Jarama

SPAIN 1936: When Fascism clutched at the throat of the Span, Clem "Dare Devil" Beckett felt at once that his place was in freedom's rank and joined many other volunteers that formed the International Brigades.

Through stirring song and poetry and compelling movement and imagery 'The Dare Devil Rides to Jarama' captures the raw passion and emotion generated by the Spanish Civil War. It commemorates the volunteer International Brigades on the 80th anniversary of their creation.

The play will be performed at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, February 11th at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £15 full price and £13 concessions, available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling Lyme Regis TIC on 01297 442138.



Le Voyage À Paris

French Chansons performed by Magdalena Atkinson and Philip Clouts on Friday, February 10th at Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Café.

Get in the mood for Valentine's Day with Parisian chic as vocalist Magdalena Atkinson sings a varied programme of well loved songs from the greats, including Edith Piaf, Charles Trenet and Charles Aznavour. Most familiar will be the classic music of Piaf, France's most beloved entertainer, national icon and musical legend. Magdalena's singing is not an impersonation but an interpretation, always heartfelt, sometimes humorous, and highlights are plentiful, from Milord to La Vie en Rose, Mon Dieu to the inevitable Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien.

Magdalena's journey with chansons started in her childhood, when her family spent three years in French-speaking Algeria. She was immersed in the language and was deeply touched by the songs she heard on the radio. Later on she studied music to masters level at university and was inspired by classes with the renowned soprano Evelyn Tubb and countertenor Kai Wessel. Combining her singing with her lifelong study of French language and culture, chansons have become the ideal way for her to communicate her love of both.

Philip Clouts is the perfect accompanist for this project, being a composer and pianist both in his own quartet and also in Zubop, described in the Observer as "that spirited, hugely enjoyable jazz outfit, which takes the whole world of music as its home territory"

Edith Piaf was one of the most popular performers in France during World War II. Her nervous energy and small stature inspired the nickname that stayed with her all her life: La Môme Piaf ("The Little Sparrow"). She commissioned songs that romanticised her life on the



Magdalena Atkinson

streets, emphasising her passion and inner strength. Her music was often autobiographical with her singing reflecting her life, particularly in songs of love, loss and sorrow.

Magdalena Atkinson and Philip Clouts perform at Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Cafe on Friday, February 10th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

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what's on this week...

James Reynolds
CONTEMPORARY CLASSICAL CONCERT
Friday 3rd February
7pm for pre-show supper
8pm for concert
Tickets: £19 include a pre-show supper provided by Dottie Kitchen
£12 for concert only ticket
Pre-booking essential for supper

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FEBRUARY, 7.30pm
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Concessions: £13
Gripping theatre about the Spanish Civil War

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Your guide to local live music

Friday 3 Feb
Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
James Reynolds
7pm for pre-show supper, 8pm for concert. £19 (ticket+supper) / £12

(concert only)
Bridport Arts Centre
Concerts in the West: Matthew

Drinkwater 11am.
£10/£7

Saturday 4 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Jess Upton & The Guilty Pleasures
9.30pm

Bridport Arts Centre
Gaz Brookfield + support 8pm. £8/£6

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm onwards, free entry.

Saturday 11 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Sky Lizard 9.30pm

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Godbrothers 9pm
Bridport Arts Centre
Southern Tenant Folk Union 7.30pm.
£12/£10

Bridport Arts Centre
Jo Harman 7.30pm.
£17/£15

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm onwards, free entry.

Sunday 12 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Cadenza 9.30pm

THE CROWN INN

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Saturday 4th February, 9.30pm
JESS UPTON & THE GUILTY PLEASURES

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Saturday 11th February, 9.30pm
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Bonafide legend to headline Sunday at Camp Bestival

Beach Boy Brian Wilson presents Pets Sounds

SET TO be truly unforgettable, Camp Bestival's tenth outing at Lulworth Castle this July 27th-30th just keeps on getting better with even more glamorous Pop Stars & Rock Stars joy in store for kids of all ages at the greatest family show on earth. Joining Madness and Mark Ronson, our Sunday night headliner is true pop music royalty and we're adding a whole heap of good time treats to keep you dancing throughout the weekend, too!

Rob da Bank says: "There's been so much talk of musical icons recently and I'm very proud that we'll be presenting one of the most legendary figures in song-writing, music production and, maybe, the ultimate anti-pop star, Brian Wilson. Having made so many incredible records with the Beach Boys, Brian Wilson's *Pet Sounds* is a real solo foray into psychedelic rock, introspective lyric writing and a beautiful wall of sound concept album that still blows people away 50 years on. Whether you're a stalwart Wilson supporter or maybe it's the first time you've heard his name, I hope you'll be there in the moment for the Sunday headliner in his full majesty".

Hallowed as one of the all-time greats in the pantheon of pop music, we're giddy with excitement to reveal that due to phenomenal public demand in the UK, Brian Wilson returns one last time to present 'Pet Sounds' in its entirety, plus

his greatest hits. Universally hailed as one of pop music's most important recordings, Brian will be bringing his majestic masterpiece to Camp Bestival for a headline sunset performance, captivating the crowds with intricate harmonies and breath taking melodies. An absolute must-see as part of an epic Sunday finale that will feature Leftfield bringing the main stage to a close before our fireworks spectacular, Brian Wilson's genius and his most influential musical treasure are sure to be a historic part of our tenth anniversary celebrations.

And, as if that wasn't enough, we'll also have unmissable appearances from BBC Sound of 2017 top tip, Ray BLK, pop chanteuse Kate Nash, Camp Bestival heroes and rum-funk faves The Cuban Brothers, and chart topper and former Oliver Heldens, Wilkinson & Rudimental diva, Becky Hill. There will be more glorious commotion with Morrissey's greatest songs getting some Mexican spice courtesy of Mexrissey, the ultimate Mancunian tribute band The Smiths LTD making a real difference, dance-floor sluggers Dub Pistols getting their skank on, audacious turntablist DJ Yoda getting his game on,



Brian Wilson

the King goes grunge with Elvana: Elvis fronted Nirvana, and new wave funk powerhouse The Blockheads giving us reasons to be cheerful.

Norman Jay MBE will also be hitting the decks and delivering the good times like only he can, and amazing music from Los Pacaminos featuring Paul Young, Raghu Dixit, Circus Raj, Disney Rascal, Funky Little Choir, Indian Queens, Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band, The Shellac Collective and The Ska Vengers.

There's still plenty more family entertainment, relaxing spa treatments, delicious food, kids' treats and more to announce so keep checking www.campbestival.net and the Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

VALENTINE'S MENU

TUESDAY 14TH FEB 2017

STARTERS

ROASTED BEETROOT, CARDAMOM SOUP, CREME FRAICHE, WARM CIABATTA
£5.50

HOME SMOKED SALMON, AVOCADO, BLOODY MARY SORBET, RYE BREAD
£6.50

HAWKRIDGE CHEDDAR BEIGNETS, SWEET CHILLI MAYONNAISE
£5.50

HOMEMADE DUCK LIVER PARFAIT, TOPPED
WITH RASPBERRY JAM, TOASTED BRIOCHE
£5.95

MAINS

CREEDY FARM CHICKEN BREAST, SAGE & ONION SUET PUDDING, SAUTE
SAVOY CABBAGE & SMOKED BACON, MADEIRA SAUCE
£14.95

7OZ FILLET STEAK, TIGER PRAWNS, CRISPY SQUID,
GARLIC & HERB BUTTER, CHIPS, SALAD
£28.95

BRIXHAM TURBOT FILLET, COCKLE RISOTTO, SAMPHIRE
& HERB BUTTER, PORK SCRATCHING CRUMB
£16.95

HOMEMADE CANNELONI FILLED WITH BUTTERNUT SQUASH,
SPINACH & RICOTTA, SAGE BUTTER, SALAD & GARLIC BREAD
£10.95

DESSERTS

HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE PROFITEROLES, TOPPED
WITH WARM CHOCOLATE SAUCE
£5.00

SALTED CARAMEL LIQUER CREME BRULEE, HOMEMADE SHORTBREAD
£5.00

STEAMED SPICED APPLE SPONGE PUDDING, CINNAMON CUSTARD
£5.00

THE PILOT BOAT INN



THURSDAY FOLK NIGHT

'Come All Ye' folk session. The evening will be hosted by local singing group JJ Pig, so if you fancy bringing your guitar, fiddle, voice, squeezebox, bagpipes, then come along and join in - or just come and listen!

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAY

FRIDAY 3RD FEB

THE MIGHTY BILLS

Playing all your favourite covers



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Angela Barnes to headline Lyme Regis Comedy Club

A *MOCK the Week* regular will headline the Lyme Regis Comedy club at the Pilot Boat Inn when it returns this month (February).

This month the show will be headlined by TV and radio favourite Angela Barnes, a regular star of *Stand up for the Week*, *Mock the Week*, *The Now Show* and *The News Quiz*.

Described as "Brilliantly funny" by household favourite Sarah Millican, Angela and her witty world view have been catapulted onto numerous radio and television shows since she was crowned the BBC New Comedy Award Winner in 2011.

Angela is one of the hardest working acts in comedy and packs her set full of brilliantly crafted jokes bringing non stop laughs from start to finish.

Opening the show will be westcountry favourite Luke Honnoraty who performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2015 alongside the club's resident compere, Tom Glover, in their show 'Small Town Heroes'.

Luke has garnered a cult following in the south west since he burst onto the scene in 2010 thanks to his unique take on the world as a working class man who now finds himself trying to fit in with the middle classes around him.

Completing the line up will be two new rising stars of the comedy scene, Emma Sherlock and Jake Baker and resident compere Tom Glover.

"The club has gone from strength to strength since we started last year, thanks to the loyal support of our regulars, he said.

"For the first time we have a big TV name coming to close the show and she is going to be fantastic in the intimate room we have at the Pilot Boat. I have some brilliant names lined up for the rest of the year so hoping we can kick off 2017 with a bang."

The comedy club returns at 8pm on Saturday, February 11th at the Pilot Boat Inn in Lyme Regis.

Tickets for the show are £8 and are available on the door. However, to avoid disappointment, you are advised to get your tickets in advance direct from the Pilot Boat Inn or reserve them on 01297 443157.



Angela Barnes

Instant Sunshine returns by popular demand

Following their side-splitting performance at Dorchester Arts' 2015 Summer Sunday fundraiser, Instant Sunshine return to Dorchester Arts on Sunday, February 11th at 2.30pm and are bringing their unique and original humorous songs with them.

Best known for their long association with BBC Radio's *Stop the Week*, Instant Sunshine's songs are laden with self-parody, have delighted audiences at home and abroad for decades.

As a musical comedy team they have

been described as brightening up the dullest of days with their timeless entertainment. The *Bermuda Gazette* describes them as "Intelligent and very, very funny.... a riot of harmony and humour" and the *Fringe Review* of 2011 ranked them as highly recommended, commenting "timeless entertainment... Instant Sunshine - will brighten up the dullest of days".

They play regularly at festivals and theatres throughout the United Kingdom and have delighted audiences on

their travels round the world to New York, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and Bermuda where they returned for the Millennium Festival.

Instant Sunshine perform at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Sunday, February 11th. Tickets are £14 full price or £12 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under 18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

What's it Worth? With The Antiques Roadshow's Eric Knowles

Eric Knowles takes centre stage with a two hour one man show that retains the same winning format of Meet and Greet... but with a difference!

Audience members can bring along their heirlooms and treasures for on stage discussion but then, in the final part of the show, they will be able to see their objects brought to the screen, courtesy of a web type camera that will allow a more detailed view and appreciation in the valuation session.

Eric Knowles is one of those rare individuals who is able to share his extensive knowledge of the world of Antiques in a manner that is easily understood. With over Twenty years working on the BBC's flagship programme *The Antiques Roadshow* under his belt, Eric has become the friendly face of what for many years proved to be a business shrouded with no small element of mystery.

In *What's it Worth?*, the lad from Lan-

cashire takes the wraps off a business in which he has been immersed for over 30 years. The first part of the evening is given over to what are quite often irreverent anecdotal reminiscences, ably supported by excellent images.

The second part of the evening is devoted to the audience's 'treasures', twenty five of which have been selected by Eric during the initial meeting and greeting session and welcome party. Eric is keen to assure all those bringing heirlooms that he for one will be drinking only Adam's Ale until all are safely returned.

A witty and entertaining look at the world of Antiques with one of its best raconteurs.

Marketing Manager Lisa Wilcock said "Eric is a wickedly funny antiques expert. Bring along an object for a valuation and who knows? you might have a treasure! You'll definitely have a hilarious evening"

A two or three course, home cooked

preshow supper is available before the show.

Eric Knowles comes to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 24th, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 or £14 available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.



Eric Knowles

HAPPY HOUR
Fri 10 Feb, 8pm

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE

at Bridport Arts Centre

COMEDY CAFE

JAKE LAMBERT

Wed 1 Feb, 8pm

MUSIC

GAZ BROOKFIELD

Sat 4 Feb, 8pm

THEATRE

WHAT'S IT WORTH

Fri 24 Feb, 7:30pm

FILM

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Tue 28 Feb, 7pm

For full listings pick up your Programme at Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport

Booking is easy at www.bridport-arts.com Box office 01308 424204

This week's new cinema

RESIDENT EVIL: THE FINAL CHAPTER ¹⁵

PICKING up immediately after the events in Resident Evil: Retribution, Alice (Milla Jovovich) is the only survivor of what was meant to be humanity's final stand against the undead. Now, she must return to where the nightmare began - The Hive in Raccoon City, where the Umbrella Corporation is gathering its forces for a final strike against the only remaining survivors of the apocalypse.

Stars Milla Jovovich, Iain Glen and Ali Larter.

RINGS ¹⁵

A YOUNG woman finds herself on the receiving end of a terrifying curse that threatens to take her life in 7 days.

Stars Vincent D'Onofrio, Laura Wiggins and Aimee Teegarden.

GOLD ¹⁵

Kenny Wells, a prospector desperate for a lucky break, teams up with a similarly eager geologist and sets off on a journey to find gold in the uncharted jungle of Indonesia.

Stars Matthew McConaughey, Edgar Ramirez and Bryce Dallas Howard.

Cinema Listings

Fri, Feb 1st - Thu, Feb 9th

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DORCHESTER PLAZA
Tel: 01305 262488
www.plazadorchester.com

Hacksaw Ridge ¹⁵
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 13.45, 20.00
Sat & Sun: 14.30, 20.15
Wed: 12.30, 20.00
La La Land ^{12A}
Fri, Tue, Thu: 11.15, 14.30, Sat & Sun: 11.30am, Mon: 12.00, 14.30, Wed: 11.00, 14.30
Lion ^{PG}
Fri, Tue: 10.45, 13.30, 17.45, 20.30
Sat: 16.45, 20.00, Sun: 16.30, 19.30
Mon: 10.45, 15.00, 17.45, 20.30
Wed: 13.30, 17.15, Thu: 13.30, 17.45, 20.30
Manchester By The Sea ¹⁵
Fri, Tue, Thu: 14.15, 16.30, 19.45
Sat: 16.30, 19.45, Sun: 20.30
Mon: 13.30, 16.30, 19.45
Wed: 14.00, 16.30, 19.45
Sing 2D ^U
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 11.00, 17.00
Sat & Sun: 11.00, 13.30
Wed: 10.45, 16.00
T2: Trainspotting ¹⁸
Fri, Mon-Thu: 11.45, 17.30, 20.15, Sat: 17.45, 20.30, Sun: 18.00, 20.45
The Lego Batman Movie ^U
Sat: 10.30, 11.15, 13.30, 14.15, 17.15, Sun: 10.45, 11.15, 14.15, 17.15, 17.45

WEYMOUTH CINEWORLD
Tel: 0871 200 2000 - www.cineworld.co.uk

Gold ¹⁵
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.50, 16.40, 19.30
Sat-Sun: 14.10, 16.40, 19.30
Hacksaw Ridge ¹⁵
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Mon-Thu: 15.30, 19.50
Loving ^{12A}
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 14.40, 17.30, 20.20
Sat-Sun: 14.40, 17.30, 20.20
Manchester By The Sea ¹⁵
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.40
Moana ^{PG}
Sat-Sun: 12.00
Resident Evil: The Final Chapter ¹⁵
Fri: 15.40, 18.10, 21.00
Sat-Sun: 17.10, 21.00

Mon-Thu: 14.50, 18.10, 21.00
Rings ¹⁵
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Sing 2D ^U
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Sun: 10.30, 12.10, 13.10, 14.00, 14.50, 15.50, 18.30
Mon-Thu: 12.00, 15.50, 18.30
Split ¹⁵
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.50, 17.20, 20.40
Sat-Sun: 17.20
T2: Trainspotting ¹⁸
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.30, 15.10, 17.50, 20.30
Sat-Sun: 12.20, 18.10, 20.30
The Lego Batman Movie 2D ^U
Sat-Sun: 10.50, 11.40, 13.30, 14.20, 16.10, 17.00, 19.40
The Lego Batman Movie 3D ^U
Sat-Sun: 12.40, 15.20, 18.00

Canadian singer - songwriter to play Dorset gig

STEPHEN FEARING is one of the foremost performing singer-songwriters in Canada. Mixing powerful lyrics, creative arrangements and brilliant guitar playing, with a dusky baritone vocal, he has built up a loyal and dedicated international audience with a wide range of songs. A founding member of Canadian roots rock super-group, Blackie & the Rodeo Kings, Fearing has also collaborated with many artists including: Richard Thompson, Sarah McLachlan, Nick Lowe, Bruce Cockburn, Shawn Colvin and Andy White.

Like most contemporary songwriters, multiple award winner, Stephen Fearing is not bound by any particular musical genre and his new album Every Soul's A Sailor continues this exploration of various musical forms.

Stephen Fearing plays at Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth on Friday, February 17th at 8pm. Tickets are £13 in advance from 01305 837299.





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UNTIL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

EASTON, PORTLAND: New paintings by Podi Lawrence and Jonathan Harwood and ceramics by Pat March 9am - 5pm (Sundays 4pm). The last few weeks to enjoy this refreshing variety of artwork by 3 local artists whilst enjoying the delights of the White Stones café at Easton.

LYME REGIS: An annual exhibition at The Town Mill's Malthouse Gallery in Lyme Regis showcases recent art, graphics, photography, textiles and design work created by students from all years of The Woodroffe School. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

BRIDPORT: Bridport Library are starting a 'Reminiscence' group once a month. Join us for reminiscence, chat and company at Bridport Library. 2-3pm.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

DORCHESTER: The next meeting of the West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will be at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when there will be a talk from the Dorset Waste Partnership. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information. Membership subscriptions are now due.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club competition - subject 'Wood'. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.
LYME REGIS: The Lyme Regis Society will be holding its annual coffee morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon at the Alexandra Hotel. Everyone welcome.
ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

DRIMPTON: Clapton, Wayford and Drimpton Horticultural Society 10th Annual Potato Day. 10.30am-2.30pm. Pennards Plants will be bring a large selection of potatoes as well as many other edible vegetables. This year Dorset Wildlife Trust will be joining us and we hope that they will be able to advise us on how to make our Gardens attractive to wildlife. Jenny Beck a local artist is organising Potato Printing for Children and as always excellent local cakes and food will be on sale. The event provides an opportunity for veteran gardeners and novices to meet, share experiences and obtain expert advice. Non members welcome Drimpton Village Hall 10.30 am to 2.30pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Concert at 3pm. in Bridport United Church, East Street, featuring young musicians from West Dorset and the surrounding area. Programme to include instrumental ensembles and solos. Entry is free. A retiring collection for The Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians. Tea, coffee and cake to be served at the end of the concert.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Epicureans February fundraiser for Food & Drink Pleasure Seekers. At WI Hall, North Street, 10am-3pm. For more details visit bridport.epicureans.uk or call 01308 897472.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: The Dorchester French Circle invites you to the next meeting of their 2016-2017 season at 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm in the Roger Thomas Conference Room at AgeUK Dorchester at 4 Prince of Wales Road, DT1 1PW. Coffee or tea or a glass of wine will be available from 7.30. At 8 pm there will be an illustrated talk "La Somme" given by Mme Nathalie Shilliday. Please feel free to join us, whatever your level of spoken French. For further information please visit our website www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025.
WEYMOUTH: Free Knit and Natter, and coffee morning at Weymouth Library, 10.30am-12noon. For more

details call 01305 777476

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club competition. "Water" judged by Tim Booth. 7.30pm Chancery House, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.

DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema presents 'The Artisticats' and the Wallace and Gromit favourite 'A Grand Day Out'. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm. Tea and biscuits will be served during the showing for just £1.50, ice creams will also be available. Everyone welcome to Age UK Dorchester's centre in Prince of Wales Road, a great afternoon of animated fun on the big screen entertainment. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Speakers on a range of topics, followed by refreshments and time to talk to friends and make new ones. Held on the second Thursday of most months. The February meeting presentation will be by Martin Stephen of the National Trust, who will show pictures of Max Gate, Hardy's Cottage and Clouds Hill, all local properties. Start at 2.15pm and the charge is £1, which includes a biscuit and a cup of tea/coffee. All welcome. For more details call 01305 269834.
DORCHESTER: 'Red Hot Chillis & Cool Veg' talk by Joy Michaud of Sea Spring Farm. At the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. 7pm for 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £2.50, students £1 at the door.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

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ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk

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BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEYMOUTH: The next meeting of the Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society will be held at the Southill Community Centre at 7.30pm. The invited speaker comes from the Gardens Group and will presenting on the subject of "From Grower to Garden Centre". Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH - SATURDAY 18TH
BUCKLAND NEWTON: Piddle Valley Players proudly presents Guys and Dolls, at Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Netwon and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Glasgow Girls' speaker Jennie Spiers. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Experiencing the unpleasant side of theatre

THEATRE etiquette is a subject often written about within critic's circles and this week I had the misfortune of witnessing some prime examples of how not to behave in a theatre, cinema, or just generally in polite society.

After accidentally standing in a puddle of urine on a tube platform, my trip to see *Death Takes a Holiday* at Charing Cross Theatre began, as it was to continue, with unwanted excretions of bodily fluids very much the order of the day.

The Charing Cross Theatre is not the most opulent and as with many of the older venues in central London, the seating doesn't offer much legroom, so you are left having to share air and personal space with complete strangers.

Sadly, I was placed in front of a very large couple, who made the row of seats

quake with their every movement, at times rivaling the overhead railway, with their thunderous maneuvers.

On top of that, one of the pair insisted on continually scratching his very large leg during the performance, which he propped up on the seat next to me resulting in a shower of dead skin flowing freely over my shoulder. The other half of the disgusting duo obviously filled with the dreaded lurgy that's about-coughed and snorted on my other flank, often drowning out the more gentle musical numbers.

To add insult to injury a man slightly further along the row belched loudly intermittently throughout, while a chap in front illegally took photos with his phone and, as he didn't even have the sense to put the damn thing on silent, the sound and light were

hugely distracting.

Luckily the show itself was absolutely glorious, but I did find it difficult to come away with a positive outlook after the unsavoury behaviour of some of the audience members.

In the past I've had to move away from patrons, whose body odour has been so pungent I didn't dare continue my occupation of the adjacent seat for fear of my own unwanted dinner reprise.

My top tips for going to the theatre are really quite simple; wash, turn your phone off, sit still and shut up!

Thankfully my other theatre trips this week were without incident and I thoroughly enjoyed the political comedy *This House* - I had an onstage seat, which was thrilling-and a new show called *Dirty Great Love* story before I ventured over to Membury for their fabulous pan-



The performance of *Pandora's Box* in Membury was a hit

tomime version of *Pandora's Box*.

The audience in the Devon village mostly behaved themselves too although the contingent from All Saints got a bit lively after consuming copious amounts of wine at the interval.

Also this week, I chatted to my good friend and Tony Award winner Frances Ruffelle, who is about to star in a hugely anticipated new production of the musical *The Wild Party*, at The

Other Palace (formerly the St. James Theatre).

Next week I'm attempting to fit three weeks work into four days as with a holiday on the horizon I shall need to get ahead.

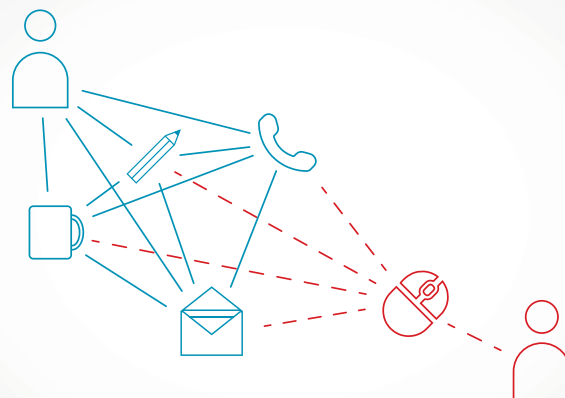
I'm off to the Alephi Theatre for my seventh visit to *Kinky Boots* (it's a real favourite), before *Fantastic Mr Fox* at the Lyric Hammersmith, *Nice Fish* starring Oscar winner Mark Rylance and *Stomp*, which has been running in the West End for a whopping 25

years and I'm yet to experience.

I'm then having a try at the *Faulty Towers* interactive dining experience, before I pop over to Bridport to see *Red Riding Hood*, which from the publicity photos looks very exciting.

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A six-speed S tronic twin-clutch transmission exclusively partners the 2.0 TDI unit in the new variants, and appropriate distribution of the 184PS and 380Nm of torque that it channels to both axles is the responsibility of the electro-hydraulic multi-plate clutch at the heart of the quattro system. It incorporates wheel selective torque control for even more precise and agile roadholding in all weathers. Sprint times reflect the traction advantages, with zero to 62mph in the Coupé dipping to 6.7 seconds compared to 7.1 seconds for the TDI ultra,

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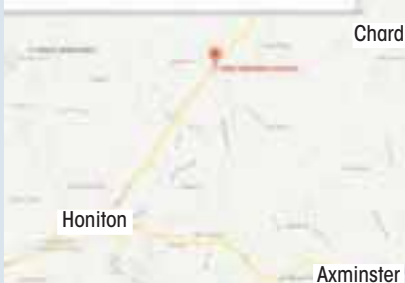
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Lyme Rovers v Uplyme Reserves cup final as possibility - Hounds breeze through to Arthur Gage quarter-final

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

ARTHUR GAGE CUP R1

COMBE A 2 WAYTOWN HOUNDS 4

TWO late goals from Matt Corrick and Richard Curwood failed to lower the spirits of the in-form Hounds as they cruised through to the quarter finals of the Arthur Gage Cup.

They started well with top scorer Jon Legg pouncing on a goalkeeping error and John Kingston floated over a cross that was thumped home on the half volley by Sam Dowle.

Kingston then made it 3-0 after the home keeper spilled a shot before the pick of the goals - a 30-yard thunderbolt from Tom Rutland put the visitors away and clear at half time.

Two goals soon after the break gave Combe hope, but some fine saves from MoM Lee Cuff ensured the fight back never fully materialised.



Hounds' manager Joe Carter was delighted to see his side chalk up a fifth straight win, he said: "Injuries and unavailability meant we played with just one centre back and he came off through illness at half time so I had to use two midfielders in the back line.

"Another injury forced us to switch to a 4-5-1 formation at 4-4-2 but we saw the game out."

In addition to Cuff, Carter was impressed by the efforts of Ethan Guppy.

S. PETHERTON RES 1 HAWKCHURCH UTD 8
JAMES Melville took his season's goal tally up to 30 with a hat trick in the 8-1 demolition of bottom-of-the-table South Petherton.

Melville opened the scoring only for Joe Humphries to equalise soon after. But from here it was all Hawkchurch with Gavin Herrod and Andy Dymond making it 3-1 at half time.

Melville completed his hat trick after the turnaround with Jack Larcombe, Josh Short and Tom Chubb also getting on the score sheet.

BILL BAILEY CUP Quarter Finals

CHARD UTD ALL STARS 0

LYME REGIS ROVERS 6

LYME Regis Rovers cruised through to the semi-finals with a comfortable six-goal showing at Forton on Saturday.

The Seasiders took the lead in the third minute when Darius Pickering had a shot tipped over the bar. Stefan Taylor got on the end of Ryan King's resulting corner kick at the near post and netted with the aid of a deflection that gave keeper Kristian

Rockett no chance.

It should have been 2-0 soon after when Jonny Day's free kick found Pete Peacock unmarked but the striker's glancing header skimmed wide of the post.

There was a scare at the other end when stand-in keeper Jamie Quarington was caught off his line but left back Tom Wood did well to recover and scoop the ball off the line.

Day weaved past two players just before the break but Rockett did well to hang on to his fierce drive.

Lyme manager Terry White rang the changes at half time bringing on Ryan Turner for Quarington between the sticks and Mark Batey for Jim Larcombe in a central midfield role.

Turner was soon in action with a magnificent leaping save to tip a header from veteran Paul Male onto the underside of the crossbar before gathering the rebound.

A minute later it was 2-0 when Darius Pickering scored his first goal for the club in rather fortuitous circumstances when his cross from the left drifted over Rockett and into the far corner.

The Stars' keeper made a fine save at full stretch to deny Day but was then forced off with a groin injury.

The result was sealed by two Peacock goals in three minutes just after the hour; the striker showed good bravery to stab the ball home from inches out before colliding with the post under challenge from a defender. He then netted his 23rd goal of the season with a neat curling shot from the edge of the box.

Batey went close to getting on the score sheet when his far post header from a corner deflected onto the post off a defender.

The game then became stretched in the last 10 minutes and Lyme cashed in.

A goalmouth melee from a corner resulted in the ball being kicked off the line, but the Chard defence could do nothing in the 89th minute when substitute Mike Marsden steadied himself before firing the ball high into the roof of the net.

There was still time for Batey to round things off with a deft flick from a Taylor cross.



White picked out defenders Rob Larcombe and Jamie Williams along with MoM Darius Pickering as his top performers.

THORNCOMBE RES 0 UPLYPE RES 5

HAVING lost against their hosts in a league fixture at Venlake just two weeks ago, Uplyme gained some revenge with a comprehensive cup quarter final win in heavy conditions at Horseshoe Lane.

A mistake in Thorns' defence allowed Frank Harris to home in on goal and score low in the corner to give Uplyme the lead.

It remained tight until just before half time when Fred Thomson found the top corner after good work from Ryan Smith.

Smith got in on the act himself early in the second period with a low shot at the near post.

Thomson should have scored again soon after but the home keeper saved well with Jonnie Harris unmarked.

But the pair then linked to force an own goal to make the result safe.

Smith went close to bagging his second with a shot that struck the post while Swallows gloveman Marcus Bearpark did well to keep out a one-on-one opportunity.

Thomson rounded off the scoring late on but squandered the chance of a hat trick when his injury time penalty was saved.

Uplyme manager Stuart Wooster picked out Lorcan Hankin as his Man-of-the Match in an unfamiliar central defensive role.

CREWK RANGERS RES 2 FORTON RES 3
FORTON Rangers came from behind to book their place in the semi's.

An Ali Gurlek strike had Crewkerne in front at half time, but Stuart Packer tapped in an equaliser on the hour and Eddie James crowned an MoM showing to put the visitors in front.

But Gurlek struck again to force extra time where James picked out Packer with a free kick and the striker nodded home from a yard out.

Other scores; **MERRIOTT DYNAMOS 2** (M.Calverley, D.Baker) **CHARD RANGERS RESERVES 3** (S.Curtis, A.Evans, John Mason).

Semi-final line up;

Forton Rangers Res v Uplyme Reserves
Lyme Regis Rovers v Chard Rangers Res
(ties scheduled for March 4th)

PREMIER

BARRINGTON 5 COMBE RESERVES 1

AN Andy Whitefield hat trick helped propel Barrington up to second in the table and keep alive their hopes of sneaking up and landing the title.

Guy Dare and George Hayward also scored for the Yellow Hammers whose manager Sid Brown said: "We should have scored more, but at least we are creating chances.

"We'll just keep doing our job and hope other results go our way."

A Josh Manley penalty was all the lowly Saints had to show for their efforts.

BEAMINSTER 4 W & M CHINNOCK 1

BEAMINSTER remain in the driving seat in the title race after beating a Chincock side who played for three quarters of the match with 10-men after joint-player manger Tom Charles was red carded by new PSDL referee Roger Hughes.

Murray Legg fired the hosts ahead only for Liam Bennett to equalise by walking the ball into the net after home keeper Si Taylor slipped.

But Legg restored the lead before the red card was than brandished for a two-footed lunge by Charles on Legg and this left the visitors with a mountain to climb.



Russell Legg drilled home number three from a short free kick to put the Rainbows clear.

They missed a good chance to add another when Rich Hebditch's penalty was tipped against the bar by experienced keeper Matt Alford.

Amazingly, the prolific striker failed from the penalty spot again in the second half before finally getting on the score sheet.

Beaminster manager Gordy Childs said: "That's a potential banana-skin out of the way. We had five big players missing on a sticky pitch which at time led to the players almost playing walking football just to stay on their feet.

"We peppered the goal and could have had more, whereas they didn't have shot - but still scored!"

Childs picked out Josh Baker and Ryan Gall as his top performers.

SHEPTON BEAU 1 SOUTH PETHERTON 2

SOUTH Petherton bounced back from a terrible start to keep alive their title aspirations at Brimgrove Lane.

The game was just a minute old when Aaron Stayner's corner was flicked on at the near post by player-manager Doug Whitfield and Kris Hasting netted from close in to give the hosts the lead that they deservedly held for 25 minutes.

But new signing Jamie David marked his Pethy debut with the equaliser from a 25-yard free kick midway through the first half.

Shepton went close on the hour mark when a George Pugson shot bounced down off the crossbar with the hosts claiming the ball had crossed the line.

But the winner came in the 65th minute when sub Dom May, up from the Reserves, set up Ryan Thurgood for his 16th goal of the season.

Hasting thought he had headed home an equaliser but referee Steve Ridler once again said the ball hadn't crossed the line.

A disappointed Whitfield said: "After a disappointing first half we were much better in the second, the lads left the pitch feeling robbed. I

was on the line for Kris' header and it was that far over it was out of my reach!"

Pethy boss Karl Diment said: "Our luck turned today - the ref probably missed their equaliser, but then we recently had a perfectly good goal at Beaminster not given.

"They [Shepton] should also have had a player red carded for a terrible two-footed tackle on Jamie David."

OTHER RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Forton Rangers p Shepton Beau Res p

DIVISION TWO

Charmouth p Crewkerne Rangers p, Kingsbury 2 (G.McGillvray, W.Arkel) Chard Utd Res 5 (D.Scriven 2, D.Rogers 2, J.Cox).

DIVISION THREE

Misterton Reserves 9 (C.Preston 4, C.Hooper 2, D.Richards, K.Adams, S.Weston) Ilminster Town A 1.

FIXTURES - Saturday, February 4th

(Cup games, 2pm ko, League games 2.30pm)

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP Quarter Finals

Forton Rangers (Div 1) v Pymore (D1)

Hawkchurch Utd (D1) v Misterton Res (D3)

Ilminster Colts (D1) v Merriott Rovers (D1)

Uplyme (D1) v Thorncombe (D2)

KEN HODGES CUP Quarter Finals

Farway Utd (D2) v Charmouth (D2)

Kingsbury Episcopi (D2) v Combe A (D1)

South Petherton Res (D1) v Chard Rangers (D2)

REG EGLON CUP Quarter Finals

Chard Rangers Res v Thorncombe Reserves

Chard Utd All Stars v Forton Rangers Reserves

Crewkerne Rangers Res v Farway Utd Reserves

PREMIER

Barrington v Beaminster

Combe Reserves v Shepton Beauchamp

Misterton v West & Middle Chincock

Winsham Utd v Chard Utd

DIVISION ONE

Waytown Hounds v Shepton Beauchamp Res

DIVISION TWO

Chard Utd Reserves v Winsham Utd Reserves

DIVISION THREE

Fivehead v Ilminster Town A

Merriott Dynamos v Uplyme Reserves

Wembley dream over



◆ **GOOD RUN: LYME'S** Cameron Vere was a member of the Exmouth Town team whose FA Vase dreams came to an end with a 4-2 defeat away at Middlesex-based Southall of the Spartans South Midlands League in the Sunday's last 16 tie

Hockey

Three off in hard fought victory

West Dorset Hawks 2 Caradon 1

Southern Division 2

WEST Dorset got revenge for having victory snatched from them in last year's corresponding fixture when, after leading 2-0 in monsoon conditions, they had to settle for a 4-4 draw.

The hosts looked strong from the start but failed to capitalise, and whilst they dominated the game, Caradon did have a few good breaks and came close several times.

However, with both sides working hard it remained goalless at half time and it became clear that the first goal would be crucial to the outcome of the match.

Fortunately it was long into the second half that the Hawks got the break; a shot from Simon Wakely hitting a Caradon foot on the way to the goal resulting in a penalty stroke.

In the absence of regular taker Alex Davies, Julian May stepped up to the spot and calmly slotted the ball home to give the hosts the lead.

But, as so often happens, the opposition rallied and quickly scored an equaliser.

The game became nip and tuck with play rapidly switching from end-to-end. Caradon forced a succession of short corners but the Hawks defenders and 'keeper Alex Drew kept the ball out.

The winner came when some good attacking play from West Dorset led to the ball deflecting to Matt Stoner in the Caradon D and he made no mistake.

The visiting players started to get frustrated as their play was continually broken down by some great defending from Robin Goodfellow and Charlie Davies.

This eventually escalated into two Cornishmen and a home player involved in an altercation resulting in all three being sent off seconds before the final whistle blew as Hawks eased home.



◆ GOALSCORERS: Julian May (above) and Matt Stoner.

Southern 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Plymouth Uni A	12	28	30
Chard	12	53	28
Penzance	11	36	26
Camborne SoM	11	31	25
Bude	12	14	22
Bridgwater A	12	-8	16
WEST DORSET	12	-14	15
Caradon	12	0	14
ECBV Hornets A	12	-7	12
PGSOB A	12	-23	9
Taunton Vale C	12	-34	7
Devonport Serv	12	-76	0

Southern 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Tiverton	11	82	31
Exeter Univ F	10	60	27
Chard A	11	10	21
Chard B	10	-5	18
WEST DORSET A	10	-12	14
East Devon C	10	-18	12
Minehead B	11	-29	12
Dart A	10	-12	10
Taunton Vale D	11	-39	4
ECV Hornets B	10	-37	3

Lyme Regis Cribbage

RESULTS (Jan 23rd); Talbot Arms 2 Stepps 3, Gerrard Arms 2 Dolphin 3, Lamb Swans 2 Ship Inn LR 3, New Inn Kilm B 3 New Inn Kilm A 2, Ax Con Club 3 Charlie's Angels 2.

Beer League; Talbot Arms 1 Stepps 2, Gerrard Arms 1 Dolphin 2, Lamb Swans 2 Ship Inn LR 1,

Table - Week 17	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	15	47
Gerrard Arms	16	44
New Inn Kilm A	16	42
Ship Inn, LR	16	41
Axminster Con Club	16	41
Dolphin, Beer	15	39
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	15	38
Lamb Swans	16	37
Charlie's Angels	15	36
Stepps	15	36
New Inn Kilm B	15	24

New Inn Kilm B 1 New Inn Kilm A 2, Ax Con Club 1 Charlie's Angels 2.

Fixtures (Monday, Feb 6th); Losers Cup Semi-finals - at Malt House, Seaton 7.15 for 7.30pm start - teams involved; Charlie's Angels, Stepps, Nags Head and New Inn Kilm A.

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	15	29
Stepps	15	27
Lamb Swans	16	25
New Inn Kilm B	15	25
Axminster Con Club	16	24
Charlie's Angels	15	24
Gerrard Arms	16	23
Ship Inn, LR	16	21
New Inn Kilm A	16	19
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	15	19
Dolphin, Beer	15	18

Basketball

Coasters blast past Raiders

Jurassic Coasters 88 Plymouth Raiders 42

THE Coasters played host to Plymouth Raiders at Budmouth Community Sports Centre looking to take another three points from the second meeting between the two teams.

The hosts, made up of players from Weymouth and Dorchester Basketball clubs, are hoping for a top two place at the end of the season and a possible place in the playoffs.

Within seconds of tip-off, the Coasters got a free throw with Giuseppe Landolfi being fouled going up to the ring. Seconds later a foul at the other end gave the visitors a chance to draw level but they failed to capitalise.

Pasquale Landolfi was in fine form as he took the Raiders defence apart with brace of layups before Louis Weaver joined in the scoring. Raiders were struggling and their coach called for a time out.

Back out again and the Coasters continued to dominate with Derek Marquez and Eoin Goring hitting baskets.

Into the second quarter and Plymouth were fighting valiantly but it wasn't enough to stop the boys in yellow. More baskets from Landolfi and Weaver added to with Bruce Fiorentino making in play baskets and going to the line four times in the quarter.

Raiders were also going to have to manage their fouls for the rest of the

game as the Coasters eased to a 46-24 half time lead.

In the third quarter then hosts only conceded seven points whereas they racked up 22 as Owen Leivers and Bradley Morgan got their turn under the ring and put points on the board.

In the last quarter the visitors tired but they pushed on looking to get something from the game but the Coasters kept hammering their defensive lines to record a convincing 88-42 victory.

Squad; Pasquale Landolfi 33, Louis Weaver 24, Bruce Fiorentino 13, Bradley Morgan 4, Giuseppe Landolfi 4, Owen Leivers 4, Derek Marquez 4, Eoin Goring 2, Kevin Tissera, Alex Low, Luca Trevett.

Local rugby news

Polly tops the ton in home defeat

Weymouth & Portland 13 Wimborne 14 VETERAN lock Richard Polly clocked up his 100th first team try on his return to the Seaside's senior XV, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to prevent defeat by Dorset & Wilts Division One high fliers Wimborne who were gifted four of their six tries.

A poor first half for Weymouth & Portland saw them trail by 27-8 at the break, mostly due to some suicidal handling. However, following some interval instruction from head coach Paul Harding they produced a far improved second half display and finished the game on the attack.

Bryn Llewellyn opened the scoring for Weymouth & Portland, kicking a penalty with Carl Neal following up scoring a try, but the visitors crossed the home line to score four tries and added two conversions and a penalty.

After the interval Wimborne landed a second penalty, before Seaside's prop Andy Bowditch saw red after picking up a second yellow card on the hour, leaving Weymouth & Portland to see out the final 20 minutes of the game a man short.

The visitors made best use of their advantage and grabbed two more touchdowns before Polly's try brought the proceedings to an end.

Harding said: "We gifted them four tries, three in the first half and another near the end of the game, and you just can't do that and expect to win, but we improved in the second half despite being a man down."

"Our young scrum half Ben Melhuish had a magnificent game on his return to the club and it's great to have him back, and Dan Bowditch also put in a shift for the team."

Bridport Unders 13 v Swanage

IN cold driving rain, the two teams fought out a hard game of Rugby, with Swanage camped in the Blues territory for all of the first ten minutes.

At last the ball was fed out to the Blue's speedy winger Will Newton, and riding three tackles he sped 30 metres up the slope to score.

This score seemed to spur Bridport, Henry Mason again winning balls against the head,

and forwards contesting the loose ball.

Against the run of play, from one such quick ball, Newton sprinted away again to score his second try.

Bridport lock, Tom Craven, relieved the pressure with a superb individual try, and Sidney Peck then unselfishly slipped the ball for fly-half Toby Pattimore to power over.

But the Swans reminded Bridport they were still a danger by scoring in the corner, and the half time score of 4-1 to the Blues did not truly reflect the half.

With Bridport now downhill, and the pitch condition worsening in the heavy rain, the pressure was on Swanage.

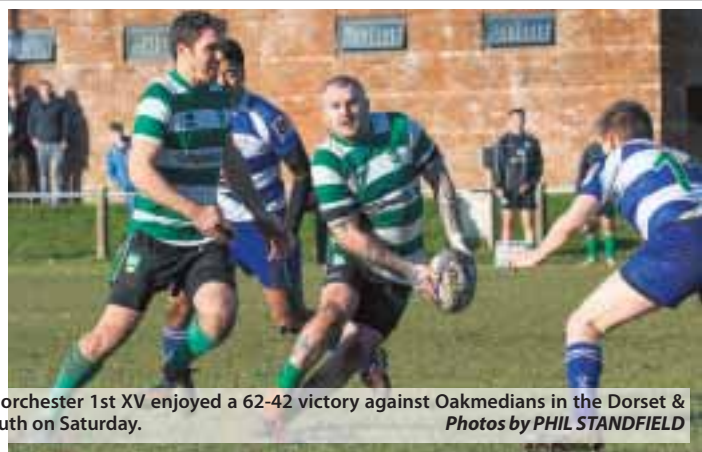
Thomas Craven broke from the forwards to score his second try, Swanage were denied repeatedly by dogged defence, once almost on the line, but then both Newton and Craven completed their hat tricks.

To their credit, Swans never capitulated, and scored a late try.

Bridport's 7-2 win did not do justice to Swanage, but we are now beginning to see tenacity from every player in a Blues shirt.



◆ MATCH ACTION: Dorchester 1st XV enjoyed a 62-42 victory against Oakmedians in the Dorset & Wilts Division One South on Saturday.



Photos by PHIL STANDFIELD

Bridport & West Dorset Club Indoor Bowls

Bridport men finish the season in style

BRIDPORT finished their Wessex League fixtures in style with their second victory of the season with a fine 82-54 win over MOON-FLEET's second string.

Mike Long, Keith Jenkins, Ken Enticott & Chris Thorne won 23-16 at Weymouth with Brian Iversen, Bill Payne, Steven Grier & Brian Rumble also recording a 21-12 victory.

At Bridport, Mike Fletcher, Mike Craddock, Ken Sanger &

Brian Conisbee were also victorious 25-8, but Barry Mapson, Roger Cowmeadow, Bob Taylor & Ivor Parker went down 13-18, giving Bridport 14 of the available 16 points.

In a season of highs and lows Captain Chris Thorne has been badly hit by unavailability, but has done a brilliant job in inspiring his side to collect the amount of points they have.

Bridport Ladies A team drew

41-41 with DORCHESTER B in the County League. Francis Hewitt, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp finished with a three-count to secure a draw 20-20, whilst Pamela Daters, Gill Hunt, Ann Turtell & Sue Walsh also finished well taking the last two ends with a single and double count to snatch a 21-21 draw.

Bridport B had a runaway win in the County over 60s League B. Cowmeadow, Craddock & Jen-

kins destroyed their opponents 32-6, whilst David Jenkins, Derek Earwood & Paul Hallett won 22-15.

On Sunday, February 19th the club are holding a Quizco evening in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Research in memory of popular club member Max Dare, who recently died of the disease.

If you wish to support this event Brian Baker on 01308 425247 for full details.

Dorch Snooker

Wellman top with 61

RESULTS; Colliton XQ 2016 6 WDC Whipping Boys 3, WDC Team Shaky 3 Colliton Hopefuls 4, WDC YMFMTD 6 Trinity M 1, Purbeck Potters 4 West Dorset Club A 3.

Top Breaks; E Wellman 61; M Beale 37; A Page 32, 27, 24; D Spiller 27; A Cottee 24.

Top Break of the Season; Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A) 61.

Team Handicap Cup - Semi-final draw; Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity M (Wednesday, Feb 1st at Colliton Club), Colliton XQ 2016 v West Dorset Club A (Thursday, February 2nd at Trinity Club.)

Team Open Knock Out Cup - Semi-final draw; Colliton XQ 2016 v WD Club A (Mon, Jan 30th at Trinity Club), WDC YMFMTD v Trinity M (Tues, Jan 31st at Colliton Club.)

Rearranged League matches; Trinity M v Colliton XQ 2016 (Wednesday, February 23rd), Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys (Monday, March 13th), West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (Wednesday, March 15th), Colliton XQ 2016 v WDC Team Shaky (Monday, March 20th), WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M (Wednesday, March 22nd), WDC YMFMTD v Colliton Hopefuls (Being rearranged by team captains), WDC YMFMTD v West Dorset Club A to finish - score so far 3-2.

REMINDER League results; Teams are reminded that results must be with the Secretary by 9am on the Sunday following the match.

Failure to notify results or cancellations to Secretary by this time results in a two-point deduction for the home or cancelling team.

Table (wk 14)	Pld	Pts
Colliton XQ2016	13	54
WDorset Club A	12	53
Colliton Hopefuls	12	51
WDC Team Shaky	13	49
Purbeck Potters	14	49
Trinity M	14	48
WDC YMFMTD	12	44
WDC Whipping B	14	25

Lyme Regis Skittles

RESULTS from w/e January 21st.

Ladies: La Crème 307 (+BL) Hot Gossips 297, Wootton Wobblers 314 (+BL) Rollercoasters 261, Generations 313 Smashers 321 (BL drawn), Skittso's bt Wild Pins (game given). Result from postponed game on October 10th now confirmed: Skittso's bt Wild Pins (game given).

Men's Div One	Pld	Pts	BL
Marksmen	10	18	12
No Hoppers	10	18	12
Flyers	11	16	4
Young Guns	9	8	10
Clueless	10	8	8
Trappers	10	8	8
Wreckers	10	8	8
Anthill Mob	11	6	16
Rousdon Rebels	11	2	14

Men's Div Two	Pld	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	8	13	10
President's Men	9	13	8
Miscellaneous	8	11	6

Men's: Young Guns 328 (+BL) No Hoppers 378, Marksmen 380 Rousdon Rebels 327 (+BL), British Legion 337 Shakers 294 (+BL), Flyers 324 Clueless 345 (+BL), Trappers 326 Anthill Mob 336 (+BL), Tornadoes 349 (+BL) Miscellaneous 334, Roadrunners 342 (+BL) President's Men 329.

Alleytwits	8	8	10
Tornadoes	9	8	8
British Legion	9	4	6
Shakers	9	3	10

Ladies	Pld	Pts	BL
Skittso's	10	16	14
Wootton Wobb	10	14	17
Smashers	10	11	8
Rollercoasters	10	9	12
Hot Gossips	8	8	8
Wild Pins	8	8	7
Generations	9	4	4
La Crème	9	4	4

Lyme Regis Golf

Front nine birdies boost for Bounds

THE next round of the **Winter League** produced 60 per cent of the stableford scores in the 30s, with the exception of Les Bounds who rose to the top with a superior 40 points.

This top score was based on an excellent front nine of 22 points, as he birdied the second and eighth holes and held his nerve to just pip Geoff Moss (39 points) into second place as he made a late charge with a birdie on the 17th. Paul Liston secured third place on countback with 38 points.

In conditions more akin to the Arctic, the Ladies played their late **January Stableford**. Beating the conditions to win Division One, with a particularly impressive score, was Cyndy Mudford boasting a first nine score of 19 points with the best score of the day – 33 points.

Jean Jolley battled well to finish with 29 points, while Kate Smith finished third on 24.

It was notable that all the winning scores had better front nine scores and none more so than Division Two winner Corinne Jones who scored 20 points on the front nine and who fought back on several holes to finish top with 32 points.

Amy Mudford was second with 30, just ahead of Kathy Briggs on 29.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	11	21
Well Hung Clocks	11	17
Nomads	11	17
BSC	11	15
Five Sticky Fingers	11	12
Hands of Time	11	10
Noth'n But Treble	11	7
Nags Head A	11	5
Les Miserables	11	5
Rubber Johns	11	1

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Stingers	12	18
Respect-de-Bull	12	18
Young Darters	12	18
Odds or Us	11	16
One for the Vikings	11	13
Elders	12	13
No Direction	12	13
Otter Rotters	11	5
Dat Team	11	5
Anchor Five	12	5

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	12	22
Dad Vaders	11	16
Poachers	11	16
The Surgeons	11	14
Midnight Runners	12	12
Tiger Bees	11	9
Anchor Vale Viewers	11	9
Royal Hawks	11	6

Flashes Fives	11	6
Time Bombs	11	2
180s: Paul Gumbrell x2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker		
S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick, Graham Gumbrell & Danny Sorrell all x1.		

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Wicked Team Name	12	18
No Chance	12	17
Dodgers	11	17
-1-11	11	13
The Nameless	11	13
Whamo	11	12
Odds & Sods	11	9
Sorted Odds	12	8
Hopeful Bashers	11	6
The Royal Nuts	12	1

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	17	32
Arrows Awry	17	27
Queens Bees	17	27
Sue's Clocking On	17	24
Rob's Robbers	17	21
Odd One Out	17	19
Queenies of the Club	17	16
Castaways	17	16
Against the Odds	17	14
Don's Damself	17	12
Charlie's Angels	17	11
Good Mates	17	7
Drinking Aware	17	7
Tiger Stripes	17	5

180s: Ashley Parker x4, Stuart Alner & Andy Reid x3, Ashley Parker & Dan Rawlings both x2, 11 players x1.		
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Cricket

Dorset Disability celebrate fine season

DORSET Disability County Cricket Club recently held their awards presentation following a successful 2016 season in which they only lost one game in the Super 9s South West Division, and saw them playing in a fund raising game for the Help 4 Heroes Charity raising over £600.

The awards were presented by the club's president, Leslie Phillips MBE, former Mayor of Dorchester.

Following a very successful season with both the bat and ball, the Player of the Year Award went to Tom Best.

The Best Newcomer was Sam Griffiths- Marks, and Andrew White won the Most Improved Player of the Season.

Captain Steve Wiltshire and vice-captain Josh Courtenay received their awards as Man of the Match at the two league



◆ **WELL DESERVED:** The award winners pictured with the club President (l-r): Steve Wiltshire, Sam Griffiths-Marks Andrew White, Angie Pittaway, Josh Courtenay, Leslie Phillips, Mark Pickersgill (on behalf of Tom Best).

home games. The Club Person of the Year deservedly went to Angie Pittaway for all the tireless work she does behind the scenes.

If you are disabled in any way and are interested in playing cricket please contact Mike Courtenay, Team Manager,

michael.courtenay.dcb@gmail.com who will be able to tell you about opportunities around the county to get involved in the sport.

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Wet weather bites into competitions

THE men's Sunday competition at Bridport & West Dorset golf club was a three-Man Team Bowmaker with one score to count on the par fives, two on the par fours and three on the par threes.

Forty-eight hardy souls braved the rain and the late starters must have got extremely wet as conditions worsened.

The winners, with a score of 133, were Mike Vincent (13), Tony Burt (16) & Brian Osborne (24).

Two shots behind with 135 was the team of Rod Condliffe (18), Andy Webb (19) & Ian Pincombe (25). In third place were Gavin Gay (8), Stuart Gay (23) & Chris Wren (25) scoring 136.

The **veterans** Thursday competition was postponed due to bad weather.

Saturday saw the **Ladies** playing an 11 holes Greensome when the weather was dull, damp and chilly but not enough to put off hardened golfers writes *Di Neal*.

The winners with 19 points were Carolyn McAllister & Car-

ole Hedley followed by Liz Walker & Ruth Donovan 13 points and in third were Janie Dowling & Sue Winkle on nine points.

Tuesday players had less luck and the game was abandoned after four holes when the threatened fog engulfed the course and the klaxon sounded.

Dorset Youth Cricket League

Two wins see Beaminster snatch the title

ENTERING the final week of the West Dorset Indoor under 16s section with all still to play for.

Undefeated Martinstown knew victory in their final match would ensure the League title, while Beaminster had to win both their games to stand any chance of snatching the top spot.

The title race could not have been closer!

Beaminster 117-4 beat Martinstown 115ao by 2 wickets

BATTING first, Martinstown began well with Sean Williams (20) and Jack Kane (13) plundering 27 off the first two overs. However, the Beaminster attack tightened up their line and the run rate slowed.

With the pressure mounting, Kane was bowled by Fergus Rees (3-0-27-2) and Williams soon followed, dismissed by a lightning fast run out.

Jacob Coombes (43) and Charlie Durrant (16) kept the scoreboard ticking over before Lewis Keenen produced a world class one-handed catch to dismiss the latter and, despite a fantastic batting display from Coombes, Martinstown's innings closed on a disappointing 115 with three balls to spare.

Chasing a moderate total, Beaminster were soon in trouble with Coombes bowling Will Murley (4). But Beaminster kept up with the required run rate as their innings reached the half way stage.

The introduction of Jon Samways into the attack quickly brought two wickets - a fine stumping by Williams and yet another superb catch from Kane.

However, with Keenan anchoring the innings with a mature 30, Beaminster crossed the line with 2.2 overs to spare to inflict Martinstown's first defeat of the season and blow the title race wide open.

Beaminster 160-4 beat Bere Regis 134 all out by 26 runs

KNOWING that only victory would do, Beaminster's batsman attacked from the start.

Will Murley (39*) and Lewis Keenan (28) kept up a good rate with brilliant running between the stumps.

Bere produced an excellent all round display in the field to slow the run rate but Fergus Rees (39*) batted outstandingly and enabled Beaminster to post 160.

Bere batted well and Ed Woodhouse (30) and James George (30) kept them in with a chance of pulling off an unlikely victory.

However, as the run rate began to rise the pressure told as Beaminster's fine work in the field resulted in five runs out as Bere fell 26 short.

This result meant both Beaminster and Martinstown finished the season with identical records and it was time for the calculators.

With the numbers crunched it emerged that Beaminster had once again pipped Martinstown to a title

virtue of a higher scoring rate per over.

League organiser Grant Neven once again praised all the teams and added: "Once again the title went down to the wire between two evenly matched teams."

"All the teams have shown sportsmanship second to none week in week out and their clubs should be proud of them all."

"They have all asked me to pass on their thanks to the Osprey Centre for once again hosting the league".

Aaron Riley, Operations Manager of Osprey Leisure Centre, responded: "I would like to congratulate all the teams - the standard of cricket continues to improve and this is a testament to both the players and the club coaches."

"I would also like to pass my thanks onto league coordinator Grant Neven who umpires all the games and helps with the league admin and match reports".

UNDER 14s

Bere Regis 63-3 beat Martinstown 62 all out by 3 wickets

THE race for the West Dorset Indoor Cricket League under 14s title was blown wide open as the previous undefeated Martinstown lost to Bere Regis in a classic.

Electing to bat, Martinstown, fielding a team containing four debutants, were soon in trouble as the second ball resulted in a run out, the unfortunate Owen Kelly departing without facing a ball.

Matters got worse as very next ball Will Bishop departed the same way, and with the dangerous Ry Gerety (2) being caught Martinstown were in all kinds of trouble at 6 for 3 after the first over.

With their tails up Bere Regis continued to apply pressure and with the score on 21, Lewis Hickman departed to an excellent catch off the bowling of Tom Lenning (2.1-0-8-2).

Martinstown dug deep and a polished innings of 15 from Harry Mitchell kept the score ticking over. But when he was cleaned bowled by Tom Lenning the innings closed on a disappointing 62 all out.

Facing a small total Bere lost Alfie Reeves first ball lbw to the impressive Gerety (3-0-13-3).

Martinstown fought bravely in the field and tight bowling kept the run rate down as Bere were made to fight for every single.

Harry Green (10) fell to a sharp stumping by Mitchell, but despite a valiant effort from the inexperienced Martinstown, a hard-hitting 21 from Lenning steered Bere almost to the finishing line.

He departed to a sublime caught and bowled by Gerety and, despite a fine effort, it was left to Olly Munro (10*) to hit the winning runs.

This win leaves everything to play for as both Martinstown and Bere Regis face Weymouth Ladies in the final round of games on February 4th.

Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures

Mixed Fours (R2)

Tonight (Wednesday)

ILCHESTER ARMS - Arkwrights Lot; Causeway Four; Fletches Four; Brookside.

Friday, February 3rd
LODERS ARMS - Triple H + One; After Eights; Rest of the Best; Rejects.

Over 58s (round two)

Monday, February 6th

Bradpole Club - C Barnes; S Yeatman; D Fox; N Pye; L Dare; C Langdon; M Barnes; P Scott; C Willcox; G Legg; T Cleal; C Hopkins; L Farnham; R Herbert; B Chapple; B Seadon.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	12	23
Rockets	12	16
Denhay	12	14
Rejects	12	14
Nelson Nobblers	11	12
Wanderers	11	12
Masters	10	11
Broad Oak	12	8
Rough Eight	12	8
Slingers	12	8
U Know the Blokes	11	8
Lively Lads	11	4

Division B	Pld	Pts
The Dingles	11	17
Miss the Ball	11	16
Outsiders	10	13
Survivors	11	12
Bangers	11	10
Countrymen	11	10
Lost in Time	10	10
Originals	10	10
Castouts	10	6
Dingbats	7	6
Aussies Lot	10	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryiatrics	12	22
LHS	12	18
NBC	12	18
Pioneers	12	16
Wickers	12	16
Unknowns	12	12
Whiskey Chasers	11	10
Brandy Snaps	11	8
Stingers	12	7
Yo Yo's	12	7
Groundhogs	11	6

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	12	24
Strawpeedoes	12	20
BFC	12	18
Alleycats	12	16
Featherbeds	11	14
Let em Roll	10	10
Firebirds	10	8
Hidden Talent	10	8
Offcuts	11	6
Pinbashers	10	6

Highest Individual League Score: M Tozer (BFC) 92.
Medal winner - M. Studley (Shipfaced) 91.
Cup Matches - D Smith (Lively Lads) 94.
Highest Lady - S Luter (Yo Yo's) 86.

Lyme darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head A	10	20
Rousdon Club	10	20
Clockadoodleo	12	16
Nags Z	12	15
Rock Point A	10	14
Royal Standard	12	12
Hunters Lodge	10	10
Four Play	10	8
Talbot Arms	10	8
Cobb Arms	9	4
Janners	10	4
Half an Octopus	11	3
See you Next Thurs	10	2
180s: R.Cross x5, T.Prowse x4, T.Bond x2, B.Grainger & T.Young both x2, 11 players x1.		

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Blank weekend for all three Bees teams

BRIDPORT first team manager Adam Fricker and Reserves boss Shaun Annetts were left frustrated by Saturday's postponements.

The first team's Toolstation Western League Premier Division game at Bristlington and the Reserves match at home to Westland Sports were both called off due to a waterlogged pitch - both the Foxes ground at Ironmould Lane, and St Mary's are notorious for collecting water.

For Fricker it has been a frustrating month with last week's home game against Gillingham Town also postponed due to a couple of frozen patches

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on the pitch.

This followed a home defeat by Shepton Mallett, a game that Fricker felt they should have won, and a loss at high-flying Odd Down from which he felt they deserved something.

If there was a consolation for the Bees boss, it was that all the sides below them lost, although they are well clear and have games in-hand.

Despite sitting in 16th place Fricker isn't unduly worried by the situation: "From our perspective we

are looking up the league, not down. We're quite a way ahead of the teams below us with games in hand.

"We're certainly not complacent, but are looking to close the gap on the teams immediately above us.

"However, the longer you don't play, the more match fitness you lose, so we want to get games in."

Saturday sees the Bees scheduled to host Sherborne Town, one of those below them, although with more rain forecast, it will be debateable if it will go ahead.

Annetts was also disappointed as he was hoping that his charges could pit

their recent improved form against Westland Sports, a notoriously competitive team.

"The lads showed great aptitude and commitment in turning the game around last week and all-but snatching victory after trailing by four goals against Blandford United.

"Although there is work to be done, they are all keen and want to play every week and they are improving.

"We have a number of players starting to come through the ranks one of which is Robbie Baggs who made his debut at right back last week. He's only just turned 16, but



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he defended well and assisted in one of the goals, and I have another young defender who I have had my eye on for several weeks who I hope to include for the last few games.

"So things are looking up and, whilst I appreciate we are not going to challenge the leaders, if they stick together then I believe they will certainly do better next year."

Bridport A were once again not allocated a fixture and as a result have

at least three games in-hand on the leading three sides. With only one defeat this season so far, they could go top should they win those games.

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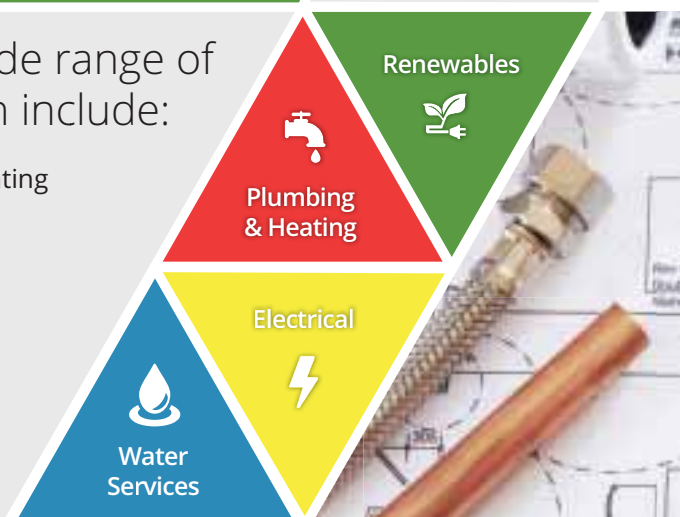
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